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California towns survey quake damage amid more aftershocks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Communities in the Mojave Desert tallied damage and made emergency repairs to cracked roads and broken pipes Friday as aftershocks from Southern California's largest earthquake in 20 years kept rumbling. The small town of Ridgecrest, close to the epicenter, assessed damage after several fires and multiple injuries that were blamed on the magnitude 6.4 quake. A shelter drew 28 people overnight, but not all of them slept inside amid the shaking.

"Some people slept outside in tents because they were so nervous," said Marium Mohiuddin of the American Red Cross. Damage appeared limited to desert

areas, although the quake was felt widely, including in the Los Angeles region 150 miles (240 kilometers) away. The largest aftershock thus far — magnitude 5.4 — was also felt in LA before dawn Friday. Ridgecrest Regional Hospital remained closed as state inspectors assessed it, spokeswoman Jayde Glenn said. The hospital's own review found no structural damage, but there were cracks in walls, broken water pipes and water damage.

The hospital was prepared to help women in labor and to give triage care to emergency patients. Fifteen patients were evacuated to other hospitals after the quake, Glenn said.

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Pipes are damaged from an earthquake, Thursday, July 4, 2019, in Trona, Calif. A strong earthquake rattled a large swath of Southern California and parts of Nevada on Thursday, rattling nerves on the July 4th holiday and causing some damage in a town near the epicenter, followed by a swarm of aftershocks.

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U.S. to pursue citizenship question on census but path unclear

By MARK SHERMAN and JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department said Friday it will press its search for legal grounds to force the inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census, hours after President Donald Trump said he is "very seriously" considering an executive order to get the question on the form. Trump said his administration is exploring a number of legal options, but the Justice Department did not say exactly what options remain now that the Supreme Court has barred the question at least temporarily.

The government has already begun the process of printing the census questionnaire without that question.

The administration's focus on asking broadly about citizenship for the first time since 1950 reflects the enormous political stakes and potential costs in the once-a-decade population count that determines the allocation of seats in the House of Representa-



President Donald Trump talks to reporters on the South Lawn of the White House before departing for his Bedminster, N.J. golf club, Friday, July 5, 2019, in Washington.

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tives for the next 10 years and the distribution of some \$675 billion in federal spending. It also reflects Trump's interest in reshaping how congressional districts are drawn. "You need it for Congress, for districting," he said Friday. "How many people are there? Are they ci-

zens? Are they not citizens? You need it for many reasons."

Districts now are based on the total population. Some Republicans want them based on the population of eligible voters, a change that could disadvantage Democrats by excluding immigrants. The Supreme Court has left open the issue of whether districts based only on the population of eligible voters is constitutional.

The Census Bureau's own experts have said a citizenship question would discourage immigrants from participating in the survey and result in a less accurate census that would redistribute money and political power away from Democratic-led cities where immigrants tend to cluster to whiter, rural areas where Republicans do well.

Trump, speaking as he departed the White House for a weekend in New Jersey, said he might take executive action.

"It's one of the ways that we're thinking about doing it, very seriously," he said. An executive order would not, by itself, override court rulings blocking the inclusion of the citizenship question. But such an action from Trump would perhaps give administration lawyers a new basis to try to con-

vince federal courts that the question could be included.

"Executive orders do not override decisions of the Supreme Court," Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said in a statement Friday. The organization is representing plaintiffs in the census lawsuit in Maryland.

Later Friday, Justice Department lawyers formally told U.S. District Judge George Hazel in Maryland the administration is not giving up the legal fight to add the citizenship question to the next census. But they also said it's unclear how they will proceed, according to a court filing.

"They still say they don't have clear instructions on what to do," said Saenz, who took part in a conference call with the judge and lawyers for both sides in one of three lawsuits seeking to keep the question off the census. The other two are in New York and California.

Hazel had expressed mounting frustration with the mixed signals the administration was sending, first telling him on Tuesday that the question was off only to have Trump tweet the next day that the administration was "absolutely

moving forward" with efforts to include the question.

Trump's administration has faced numerous roadblocks to adding the question, like last week's Supreme Court ruling that blocked its inclusion, at least for now. Both the Justice and Commerce departments indicated on Tuesday that they were moving forward with the census, minus the citizenship question.

But Trump has insisted otherwise, pushing his administration to come up with a way to include the controversial query. He suggested Friday officials might be able to add an addendum to the questionnaire with the question after it's already printed.

In the Supreme Court's decision last week, Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court's four more liberal members in saying the administration's current justification for the question "seems to have been contrived."

The administration had pushed the Supreme Court to decide the case quickly, citing a July 1 deadline to begin printing the forms. The court made the rare move of taking up the case directly from a trial court in New York before an appeals court had weighed in. As recently as June 20, Solicitor General Noel Francisco reminded the justices of the need for a quick decision, writing that "for all practical purposes, the Census Bureau needs to finalize the 2020 questionnaire by June of this year." The Trump administration had said the question was being added to aid in enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, which protects minority voters' access to the ballot box.

But the question's opponents say recently discovered evidence from the computer files of a Republican redistricting consultant who died last year shows that, far from helping minority voters, discrimination against Hispanics was behind the push for the citizenship question. □

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The quake did not appear to have caused major damage to roads and bridges in the area, but it did open three cracks across a short stretch of State Route 178 near the tiny town of Trona, said California Department of Transportation District Nine spokeswoman Christine Knadler.

Those cracks were temporarily sealed, but engineers were investigating whether the two-lane highway was damaged beneath the cracks, Knadler said. Bridges in the area were also being checked.

The Ridgecrest library was closed as volunteers and staff picked up hundreds of books that fell off shelves.

The building's cinderblock walls also had some cracks, said Charissa Wagner, library branch supervisor. Wagner was at her home in the small city of 29,000 people when a small foreshock hit, followed by the large one, putting her and her 11-year-old daughter on edge.

"The little one was like, 'Oh what just happened.' The big one came later and that was scarier," she said. The nearby Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake said in a statement late Thursday that no injuries were reported and so far all buildings had been found to be intact, but assessments continued across its vast acreage. Its workforce was ordered to

not report on Friday. The earthquake knocked over a boulder that sat atop one of the rock spires at the Trona Pinnacles outside of Ridgecrest, a collection of towering rock formations that has been featured in commercials and films, said Martha Maciel, a Bureau of Land Management spokeswoman in California. Meanwhile, the nation's second-largest city revealed plans to lower slightly the threshold for public alerts from its earthquake early warning app. But officials said the change was in the works before the quake, which gave scientists at the California Institute of Technology's seismology lab 48 seconds of warning but did not trigger a public notifi-

cation.

"Our goal is to alert people who might experience potentially damaging shaking, not just feel the shaking," said Robert de Groot, a spokesman for the U.S. Geological Survey's ShakeAlert system, which is being developed for California, Oregon and Washington. The West Coast ShakeAlert system has provided non-public earthquake notifications on a daily basis to many test users, including emergency agencies, industries, transportation systems and schools.

Late last year, the city of Los Angeles released a mobile app intended to provide ShakeAlert warnings for users within Los Angeles

County. The trigger threshold for LA's app required a magnitude 5 or greater and an estimate of level 4 on the separate Modified Mercalli Intensity scale, the level at which there is potentially damaging shaking. Although Thursday's quake was well above magnitude 5, the expected shaking for the Los Angeles area was level 3, de Groot said.

A revision of the magnitude threshold down to 4.5 was already underway, but the shaking intensity level would remain at 4. The rationale is to avoid numerous ShakeAlerts for small earthquakes that do not affect people.

"If people get saturated with these messages, it's going to make people not care as much," he said.

Construction of a network of seismic-monitoring stations for the West Coast is just over half complete, with most coverage in Southern California, San Francisco Bay Area and the Seattle-Tacoma area. Eventually, the system will send out alerts over the same system used for Amber Alerts to defined areas that are expected to be affected by a quake, de Groot said.

California is partnering with the federal government to build the statewide earthquake warning system, with the goal of turning it on by June 2021. The state has already spent at least \$25 million building it, including installing hundreds of seismic stations throughout the state. This year, Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said the state needed \$16.3 million to finish the project, which included money for stations to monitor seismic activity, plus nearly \$7 million for "outreach and education." The state Legislature approved the funding last month, and Newsom signed it into law. □

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Rich father-in-law has helped, complicated O'Rourke's career

By WILL WEISSERT and RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Beto O'Rourke was running for the El Paso City Council in 2005 when he asked to meet with the illustrious real estate investor William Sanders.

Sanders had earned a fortune in Chicago before returning to his remote hometown on the West Texas-Mexico border. He thought O'Rourke wanted a donation.

But O'Rourke, now vying for the Democratic presidential nomination, was actually seeking permission to marry Sanders' daughter Amy. And after he secured it, his future father-in-law began talking at length about her previous boyfriend.

"It was a very awkward — very, very awkward — conversation," O'Rourke recalled in a phone interview.

Worth at least \$500 million according to a conservative Forbes estimate, Sanders has helped make Beto and Amy O'Rourke millionaires. O'Rourke won his city council race and briefly supported an ambitious, though controversial and ultimately unsuccessful, plan to redevelop downtown El Paso that Sanders was leading. Later, Sanders' timely donation helped transform his son-in-law from longshot primary challenger to congressman, setting him up to nearly upset U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz last year and catapult him into the presidential race.

O'Rourke's campaign says



In this June 6, 2019 file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke speaks during the I Will Vote Fundraising Gala in Atlanta.

Associated Press

Sanders plays no role. Still, O'Rourke might never have made it on the national stage without the help of the intensely private tycoon.

"I think Bill has always helped in the background," said Mike Dipp Jr., an El Paso businessman who has known Sanders for years.

By the time O'Rourke came into his life, Sanders had already spent decades at the top of America's real estate industry, a visionary who spotted trends before others, developed strategies to capitalize on them and built top-notch management teams to execute his plans.

Sanders founded Verde Realty in 2003 to focus on investments in the Southwest, where he believed cheap labor costs and a booming population would

make the region thrive. Journalist Steve Bergsman, who wrote about Sanders in a 2006 book, described him as a workaholic whose vision of making El Paso an industrial powerhouse "really laid the groundwork for Beto's rise, even before he had probably met or heard of him."

In the 1990s, Sanders had been dubbed the "Warren Buffett of real estate" for acquisitions and investments that put him in control of a massive portfolio of money-making commercial, industrial and residential properties and made him one of America's largest landlords. Investment partnerships tied to Sanders generated more than \$780,000 in interest and dividend income for Beto and Amy O'Rourke over the last decade, tax returns show. Sanders found-

ed and built the company that became Chicago's renowned La Salle Partners. It was a one-stop shop for some of America's largest corporations for acquiring and managing buildings, land and property. He sold his stake in La Salle in 1989 and left for New Mexico.

In the 1990s, Sanders founded the Security Capital Group and built companies that owned warehouses, storage units, office buildings and parking garages. Sanders took a dim view of real estate moguls like Donald Trump who moved from one splashy deal to the next. Sanders purposely avoided skyscrapers in favor of less risky and lower maintenance properties that he considered more lucrative for shareholders. "I don't give a darn what a building looks like; I want to

be very confident that it is a strategic asset," he said in a rare 2006 interview with an industry magazine.

Sanders, who sold Security Capital for \$2.1 billion in 2001, usually relished the low profile such ventures afforded him. That changed after O'Rourke joined the city council in 2005 and Sanders led a group of businesspeople who released a plan to redevelop downtown. O'Rourke initially voted to move it forward. But many low-income, immigrant residents said it raised the specter of El Paso using eminent domain to displace some of its most marginalized residents while benefiting developers.

The plan eventually stalled and O'Rourke has repeatedly denied conflict-of-interest complaints. Still, critics, including El Paso attorney Stephanie Townsend Allala, say O'Rourke consistently backed his father-in-law's interests and "not once has he supported the grassroots side."

"Beto's standing was aided by his billionaire father-in-law, and the billionaire father-in-law was aided by Beto's standing," she said. O'Rourke's bid for election to the U.S. Congress began with a primary challenge to veteran Democratic Rep. Silvestre Reyes in 2012, and Sanders was again there to help. A super PAC, the Campaign for Primary Accountability, was co-founded by a Houston businessman and GOP donor that election cycle to target incumbents from both parties and try to send new faces to Congress. □

W.Va. coal billionaire Cline killed in helicopter crash

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)

— Coal tycoon Chris Cline, who worked his way out of West Virginia's underground mines to amass a fortune and become a major Republican donor, has died in a helicopter crash outside a string of islands he owned in the Bahamas. Cline and his 22-year-old daughter Kameron were on board the aircraft with five others when it went down Thursday, a spokesman for his attorney Brian Glasser said Friday.

The death of the 60-year-old magnate led to eulogies from industry leaders, government officials and academics, who described Cline as a visionary who was generous with his \$1.8 billion fortune.

"He was a very farsighted entrepreneur," said Bill Raney, president of the West Virginia Coal Association. "Chris was just one of those folks who had the Midas touch."

Raney said Cline began toiling in the mines of southern West Virginia at a young age, rising through the ranks of his father's company quickly with a reserved demeanor and savvy business moves.

He formed his own energy development business, the Cline Group, which grew into one of the country's top coal producers.

When he thought mining in the Appalachian region was drying up, he started buying reserves in the Illinois Basin in what turned out to be a smart investment in high sulfur coal, according to the website of Missouri-

based Foresight Energy, a company he formed.

Cline sold most of his interest in Foresight for \$1.4 billion and then dropped \$150 million into a metallurgical coal mine in Nova Scotia, according to a 2017 Forbes article titled, "Chris Cline Could Be The Last Coal Tycoon Standing." The piece captured his opulence: A mansion in West Virginia with a manmade lake big enough to water-ski on and a pasture that included a white stallion stud name Fabio. A gun collection so deep that federal officials would take stock once a month. A 200-foot (61-meter) yacht called Mine Games.

His deep pockets eventually opened to politics: He donated heavily to President Donald Trump and other Republicans. Cline gave the president's inaugural committee \$1 million in 2017 and shared thousands more with conservative groups as well as committees representing GOP bigs such as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, according to federal records.

He also gave to academia, bestowing at least \$8.5 million on Marshall University in West Virginia.

"Our hearts are heavy," said Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert. "Chris's generosity to our research and athletics programs has made a mark on Marshall University and our students for many years to come."

Authorities began searching for the copter after po-

lice received a report from Florida that Cline's helicopter failed to arrive in Fort Lauderdale as expected on Thursday, Bahamas Police Supt. Shanta Knowles told The Associated Press.

The bodies of the four women and three men were recovered Thursday and taken to the Bahamian capital of Nassau to be officially identified, said Delvin Major, chief investigator for the Bahamas' Air Accident Investigation Department. The Augusta AW139 helicopter was still in the water on Friday, and based on preliminary information, she did not believe there had been a distress call before the helicopter went down. The cause of the crash is still undetermined, officials said.

A Royal Bahamas Police Force statement said authorities and locals found the site 2 miles (3 kilometers) off Big Grand Cay, a group of private islands Cline bought in 2014 for less than the \$11.5 million asking price.

Bahamas real-estate agent John Christie, who sold the land, said Big Grand Cay was developed by the late Robert Abplanalp, inventor of the modern aerosol spray valve and a friend of President Richard Nixon. The property became known as an escape for Nixon in the 1970s.

Big Grand Cay comprises about 213 acres (86 hectares) distributed over about half a dozen narrow islands. At the time of its sale, the property's mansion sat on a bluff overlooking the



In this Sept. 6, 2014 photo, Chris Cline speaks as Marshall University dedicates the new indoor practice facility as the Chris Cline Athletic Complex in Huntington, W.Va.

Associated Press

ocean and had five bedrooms and four bathrooms. West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice mourned Cline's loss, first in a tweet he sent out Thursday in which he noted that his and Cline's families had been very close for years.

"Today we lost a WV superstar and I lost a very close friend," Justice wrote in the tweet. "Chris Cline built an empire and on every occasion was always there to give. What a wonderful, loving, and giving man." Cline, in his Forbes profile, defended coal and waved

off some of the scientific evidence of climate change when he wasn't posing for photos in front of tall pyramids of the black stuff.

"People deserve the cheapest energy they can get," he said. "Tell the poor in India and China that they don't deserve to have reliable, affordable electricity."

And to that effect, he also spoke about solar panels, wind turbines and Tesla batteries on Big Grand Cay, saying "Where it makes sense, I'm absolutely for it." □



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Officer's police powers suspended after videotaped arrest

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP)

— A Maryland law enforcement officer's police powers have been suspended while his department investigates whether he used excessive force during an arrest captured on video, officials said Friday.

The Montgomery County Police Department said in a statement it began investigating Officer Kevin Moris'

use of force after a video of Wednesday's arrest began circulating on social media. The video appears to show the officer kneeing 19-year-old Arnaldo Pesoa's head into the sidewalk outside a restaurant in a shopping center as Pesoa lies prone on his stomach. Pesoa screams as his head slams down and his mouth appears to be bleeding. □

The officer then lifts Pesoa's shirt and covers his face with it. The statement said Pesoa became "disorderly" and resisted arrest when plainclothes officers tried to detain him inside the restaurant. "The Montgomery County Department of Police takes all complaints or evidence of excessive force seriously," the department's statement says. □

Armed Utah teachers practice responding to school shootings



In this Saturday, June 29, 2019, photo, Cindy Bullock, Timpanogos Academy secretary, participates in shooting drills at the Utah County Sheriff's Office shooting range during the teacher's academy training, in Spanish Fork Canyon, Utah.

Associated Press

SPANISH FORK, Utah (AP) — Nancy Miramontes had 30 seconds to find the gunman.

The Utah school psychologist weaved through a maze of dusty halls before spotting him in the corner of a classroom, holding a gun to a student's head. She took a deep breath and fired three shots, the first time she's ever used a gun. One bullet pierced the shooter's forehead.

"Nice work," a police officer told her as they exchanged high-fives in front of cardboard props representing the gunman and student. Miramontes recently joined 30 other Utah teachers at a series of trainings where police instructed them on how to respond to an active shooter. Teachers went through the shooting drill

inside a warehouse set up to look like a school, then moved outside to a shooting range.

Active shooter training for educators is becoming more common nationwide, and Utah is one of several states that generally allow permit holders to carry guns in public schools. Other states, including Florida and Texas, have programs that allow certain teachers to be armed if they are approved under a set of stipulations.

Utah County Sheriff Mike Smith said the popularity of concealed carry permits in Utah makes such trainings even more important. About half the teachers brought their own handguns to the shooting range. "If teachers are going to be bringing firearms into

schools, let's make sure they know how to handle them safely," Smith said.

At least 39 states require lockdown, active-shooter or similar safety drills, according to the Education Commission of the States. Other states have less explicit requirements or leave it to districts. Utah requires its elementary schools to conduct at least one safety drill each month, and its secondary schools to have detailed emergency response plans. The firearm training is voluntary, but the Utah County Sheriff's Teachers Academy already has a waiting list for its next four-week program.

Despite increasing prevalence, some school safety experts aren't in favor of firearms training and worry that such lessons could

cause undue stress or harm. "Are police tasking teachers to perform a law enforcement responsibility by arming them to protect others? We have to be cautious of what we ask people to do in these traumatic, stressful situations," said Ken Trump, a school safety expert with the National School Safety and Security Services consulting firm.

Miramontes said her teacher friends in Utah and other states debated about it on Facebook. But after the training, she said she felt empowered.

"I know how to protect myself and my students now; I know what to expect if the worst happens," she said.

At the recent session, officers showed teachers how to disarm a gunman, where to shoot on the body, how

to properly aim and unload a firearm. They also went over de-escalation techniques, self-defense and medical responses such as how to pack a wound and tie a tourniquet on a child. Officers spent months designing the course and local businesses donated money and equipment. Attendees paid \$20 to participate.

Between bites of pastries, teachers relayed their fears:

"Will the gunman leave after I shoot them?"

"How do I protect the children when they come?"

The sun stretched over the mountains as teachers put down their coffee and strapped into bulletproof vests, goggles and protective head gear. Above the ringing of gunshots, some teachers discussed summer vacation plans and classroom supply lists.

Sandy Grow, a special needs educator at a Lehi middle school, said the massacres at Parkland and Sandy Hook left her feeling unsafe at work. A gunman killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, last year. In 2012, 20 children and six educators were killed in a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

"The idea of being trapped in a classroom with my students and not being able to protect them bothered me," she said. "I want to defend them and keep them safe, not be a sitting duck."

Mike Erickson thinks a lot about how to keep students safe at Mountain View High School, where he's the principal and his son is a student. In 2016, before he began working there, five students were stabbed in the boy's locker room. Reloading his handgun for target practice, Erickson said the training has left him better prepared to fight back if someone threatens his school.

"I'm more confident in my skills and what to do if something happens," he said. "I'm not as nervous now. I can help." □

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Prosecutors can't seek execution in case against immigrant

By JACQUES BILLEAUD

PHOENIX (AP) — Prosecutors can no longer seek the death penalty against a Mexican immigrant charged with murder in the 2015 shooting death of a convenience store clerk in a Phoenix suburb because the accused is intellectually disabled, a judge has ruled.

The ruling Wednesday means Apolinario Altamirano will face life in prison if he's convicted of first-degree murder in the killing of 21-year-old clerk Grant Ronnebeck at the store in Mesa.

The case against Altamirano has been cited by President Donald Trump, who has railed against crimes committed against American citizens by immigrants who are the United States illegally.

Trump, who has created a new office to serve victims of immigration crimes and their relatives, has invoked such crimes at rallies, pointing to case after case in which people were killed by immigrant assailants who slipped through the cracks.

It's unclear whether prosecutors will appeal the ruling. "We are reviewing the analysis and the record to assess next steps," according to a statement from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, which is prosecuting Altamirano.

Altamirano is a citizen of Mexico who has lived in



This undated file booking photo provided by the Maricopa County (Arizona) Sheriff's Office shows Apolinario Altamirano, a citizen of Mexico charged with murder in the shooting death four years ago of a convenience store clerk in a Phoenix suburb.

Associated Press

the United States without authorization for about 20 years. He was deported and returned to the United States.

He is accused of fatally shooting Ronnebeck after the store clerk insisted that Altamirano pay for a pack of cigarettes. Authorities say Altamirano stepped over Ronnebeck to get several packs of cigarettes before leaving the store. He led officers on a high-speed chase before his arrest, and a handgun and unopened pack of cigarettes were later found in his vehicle, police said.

Altamirano has already been sentenced to six years in prison for his earlier guilty pleas in the case to misconduct involving weapons. □

Police: More than dozen trampled in Chicago July 4 stampede

CHICAGO (AP) — Police said a false report of gunfire set off a stampede that trampled more than a dozen people at Chicago's annual July 4 fireworks display Thursday at Navy Pier, where thousands of revelers had crowded the Lake Michigan shore.

Three others were stabbed when a fight broke out after a group of young males flashed gang signs, authorities said. Three people suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Chicago Police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli said police were searching Friday for two male suspects in the stabbings.

The Navy Pier incidents occurred just after 10 p.m. on what is one of the bigger events of the year at the lakeside showplace. The stabbing occurred among groups of males, Bartoli said.

A 14-year-old boy was stabbed in the arm and rib area and a 15-year-old boy was stabbed in the armpit. Both were transported to Lurie Children's Hospital and were reported in stable condition.

A 30-year-old man not involved in the altercation suffered stab wounds to the face and arm but said he did not see the offender nor did he remember any details about the incident, Bartoli said. He was at Northwestern University Hospital in stable condition. Also, a 16-year-old boy, initially thought to have been stabbed, actually sus-



In this Thursday, July 4, 2019 photo, Chicago Police Department (CPD) officers stand guard while a woman relieves her son who had panicked after reports of stabbings and threatening injuries after the 4th of July celebrations at Chicago's Navy Pier.

Associated Press

tained a puncture wound to his leg after running into a table.

Police officers believe that after that altercation, someone threw firecrackers at the pier, prompting shouts of "gun" or "shots fired," and spurring a "stampede" that injured "approximately 13" people, Bartoli said. The initial reports of gunfire were inaccurate, police said.

Those who were injured while running or falling in the melee were taken to hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries, said another police spokesman, Rocco Alioto.

Rachel Schar, who's a server at the waterfront restaurant Harry Caray's Tavern, said that during ensuing panic crowds of visitors swarmed the restaurant for at least 10 minutes to escape what they believed was an active shooter at the pier. □

"It was pure chaos," the 22-year-old told the Chicago Tribune. "I literally thought I was going to die." Schar said she was collecting credit cards from a party table when she heard screaming, shoes rapidly pounding the pavement and shouts about a gun and people stabbed outside. She said she was tackled during that pandemonium and then sprinted upstairs into an office. Elsewhere in the city, the typically violent 4th of July holiday had already seen 35 people shot in Chicago, five fatally, with three days to go in the weekend. Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who took office in May and has made curbing gun violence a priority, followed recent years' practice by pouring an extra 1,500 police officers onto the streets. Messages left with her press office Friday were not immediately returned. □

Merkel seeks to reassure Western Balkan nations of EU future

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA

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Associated Press

POZNAN, Poland (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel sought Friday to reassure Western Balkan nations aspiring to join the European Union that there is strong support for the process in the EU, saying that the bloc sees their integration to be in its strategic interest.

Merkel, along with British Prime Minister Theresa May and EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini, joined a high-level meeting in Poznan, Poland, between leaders from the Western Balkans and from some EU countries that aimed to show that the integration process remains robust, despite an apparent slowdown.

The EU membership candidates are Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia and Albania, while Bosnia and Kosovo are potential candidates.

Speaking at a news confer-



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, and Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki during a summit meeting that aims to reassure Western Balkan states that their aspirations to join the European Union have backing among EU leaders, in Poznan, Poland, Friday, July 5, 2019.

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ence that concluded the meeting, Merkel stressed that it is the EU's "strategic interest" to integrate Western Balkans, which border the 28-member club on almost all sides.

She especially praised

North Macedonia's "courage" in trying to overcome divisive issues with its neighbors, especially a dispute over its official name with Greece that was resolved this year, thus paving the way for North Macedonia

to start EU accession negotiations.

"That was a huge step. We waited for years for this step and we are very relieved," Merkel said.

"I look optimistically toward the autumn," when the ne-

gotiations could potentially open, she said.

Standing alongside Merkel, the prime ministers of Bulgaria and of North Macedonia, Boyko Borissov and Zoran Zaev, argued that the Western Balkans are part of Europe and are surrounded by EU nations and so rightly belong in the club. The Western Balkans nations are seeking EU reassurances after some leaders in the 28-member bloc have spoken against further enlargement of the bloc, citing the EU's own integration issues.

No time frame for their accession has been set, even though individual applications were filed 10 years ago and more.

The latest EU strategy for the region suggests membership for Montenegro and Serbia by 2025, but says that goal is "extremely ambitious." There are worries that the EU's procrastination may leave the region open for Russia, Turkey and China to gain influence. □

NGO ship with migrants barred from docking in Italy

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ROME (AP) — An Italian humanitarian group whose boat has been barred from docking in Lampedusa said it is waiting for about 40 migrants still onboard to be transferred to Malta on military patrols, a move that could possibly avert another standoff with Italy's populist government.

Mediterranea Saving Humans said Friday in a tweet that its sailing boat ALEX was just outside Italian territorial waters, just off the southernmost island of Lampedusa, and that it has been banned from entering Italian jurisdiction by ministerial decree.

However, due to their fragile health, 13 migrants were taken off disembarked by an Italian coast guard boat and taken to Lampedusa. Three pregnant women were given ultrasounds before being allowed off the boat. Four children and one unaccompanied minor were part of the group allowed to disembark.



Migrants rest on a Mediterranea Saving Humans NGO boat, as they sail off Italy's southernmost island of Lampedusa, just outside Italian territorial waters, on Thursday, July 4, 2019.

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Given the condition of those on board, the NGO had requested that the migrants, rescued from a rubber dinghy Thursday off Libya, be transferred to Italian or Maltese patrol boats. It said in light of the condi-

tion of the migrants that it couldn't make the trip to the Mediterranean island of Malta itself. Malta said Thursday that it will take the migrants in a deal with Italy to take an equal number already in

Malta. The deal appears aimed at avoiding what would be the 21st standoff between Italy's populist government and humanitarian groups rescuing migrants at sea.

The NGO said the ministeri-

al decree is illegitimate because it can't be applied to a ship carrying people rescued at sea, and because Italy can't ban an Italian-flagged ship from entering its waters.

Meanwhile, German humanitarian group Sea-Eye said one of its rescue ships has picked up 65 people who were found in a large dinghy about 34 miles (55 kilometers) off Libya's coast. Sea-Eye said on its Facebook page that the crew of the Alan Kurdi brought the African migrants on board their vessel early Friday. It added that Libyan authorities failed to respond to communication for more than three hours. It was unclear whether the Alan Kurdi will try to dock in Italy too.

Italian Interior Minister Matteo Salvini said Friday that none of the rescued migrants will arrive in Italy. Referring to the Alan Kurdi ship, he said "the German NGO can choose between Tunisia and Germany." □



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UN condemns attack on migrants, calls for Libyan cease-fire

By EDITH M. LEDERER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council on Friday called on Libya's warring parties to urgently de-escalate fighting and commit to a cease-fire, and it condemned a deadly at- tack on a detention center for migrants near the capital Tripoli.

The U.N.'s most powerful body also called on the parties to rapidly return to U.N.-mediated political talks.

The council press statement was the first approved by all 15 members since self-styled Libyan National Army leader, Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter, launched a military offensive on April 4 aimed at taking Tripoli, though it had previously issued weaker press "elements."

The statement was spurred by Tuesday night's airstrike on the detention center in Tajoura, which the council said killed 53 people and injured over 130 others. The International Organization for Migration said Friday that six children were among those killed.



Debris covers the ground after an airstrike at a detention center in Tajoura, east of Tripoli in Libya, late Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

Associated Press

The Security Council held emergency closed consul- tations Wednesday afternoon, but diplomats said then that the United States needed additional time to consider the text of a state- ment condemning the at-

tack. A U.N.-supported, but weak government controls Tripoli, overseeing the country's west, while a rival govern- ment aligned with Hifter controls much of the east and south. Each is backed

by an array of militias and armed groups fighting over resources and territory. The Tripoli-based govern- ment blamed Hifter's LNA and its foreign backers for the airstrike. The LNA, for its part, says it targeted a

nearby militia position and denies striking the hangar where the migrants were being held. U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bach- ellet said the attack might amount to a war crime.

In Friday's statement, the council expressed "deep concern" at the worsen- ing humanitarian situation in Libya and at conditions in detention centers it said "are the responsibility of the Libyan government."

A civil war in Libya in 2011 toppled and later killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi. In the chaos that followed, the oil-rich North African country was divided.

Hifter launched his offen- sive days before a national conference of all Libyan parties aimed at agreeing on elections for a new gov- ernment was scheduled to begin — and despite his commitments to move toward elections.

He has received support from Egypt, France, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Russia and says he is determined to restore stability to Libya. □

German official says CO2 charge should benefit the poor

By FRANK JORDANS

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's environment minister said Friday that a proposed charge on carbon emissions should benefit people on low incomes and those who use less fossil fuel, amid concern that measures aimed at curbing climate change could stoke social unrest.

The German government is debating whether to put a price on carbon to help meet national targets for cutting man-made green- house gas emissions, which are blamed for global warming.

Several other countries already have or plan to intro- duce such a tax, including France, Britain and much of Scandinavia. Experts say that a surcharge for carbon dioxide emissions can encourage people to use less fuel, but risks hitting the poor more heavily than the rich. Plans to raise fuel duty in France contributed to months of anti-government protests by workers fearing financial hardship. "It's really important to me to avoid unfairly burdening those with low and medium incomes, and especially affected groups such as

commuters and tenants," said Svenja Schulze, Ger- many's environment minis- ter.

Speaking at the presen- tation of three indepen- dent expert studies com- missioned by her office, Schulze insisted the funds generated from a carbon charge on transport and heating fuel would be re- distributed again.

At the same time, citizens — including children — would get up to 100 euros (\$112.88) each back per year, resulting in a net income gain for low-earners and families. □



Picture taken Oct. 31, 2018 shows cars queuing in a traffic jam when commuting to Frankfurt, Germany.

Associated Press

Former Guard commander says Iran should seize UK oil tanker

By AMIR VAHDAT

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A former leader of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard said Friday that the Islamic Republic should consider seizing a British oil tanker in response to authorities detaining an Iranian oil tanker off the coast of Gibraltar. The comments by Mohsen Rezaei came amid heightened tensions over Iran's unraveling 2015 nuclear deal with Western powers, which the U.S. withdrew from last year.

"If England does not release the Iranian oil tanker, the duty ... (of Iran) is to respond and seize one English oil tanker," he said in a tweet.

In recent days, Iran has broken through the limit the deal put on its stockpile of low-enriched uranium and plans on Sunday to boost its enrichment. In the past months, the U.S. has rushed thousands of additional troops, an aircraft carrier, B-52 bombers and advanced fighter jets to the



In this picture released by an official website of the office of the Iranian supreme leader, former commander of the Revolutionary Guard Mohsen Rezaei, second left, salutes Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, right, while he arrives at a graduation ceremony of the Revolutionary Guard's officers, in Tehran, Iran.

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region.

Rezaei led the Guard during Iran's 1980s "Tanker War" in the Persian Gulf targeting the oil trade of the U.S. and its Arab allies.

It was a striking comment

from Rezaei, one that current officials have yet to make.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman earlier called on the U.K. to release the tanker.

Authorities in Gibraltar intercepted the super tanker on Thursday, saying they believed it to be breaching European Union sanctions by carrying a shipment of Iranian crude oil to Syria.

Spanish authorities said the seizure came at the request of the U.S.

A spokesman for the government of Gibraltar, who wasn't authorized to be identified by name in media reports, said that all 28 crew members remain on the vessel while being interviewed as witnesses and not questioned under criminal procedures.

The crew is made of mainly Indian, Pakistani and Ukrainian nationals, he said.

A local newspaper, the Gibraltar Chronicle, reported Friday that the supertanker can only be detained for 72 hours unless the Supreme Court of the British overseas territory extends the deadline while the probe is conducted.

U.S. national security adviser John Bolton tweeted that the ship's seizure was "excellent news."

"America & our allies will continue to prevent regimes in Tehran & Damascus from profiting off this illicit trade," Bolton added. □

Sudan's protesters welcome power-sharing deal with military

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KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)

— Leaders of Sudan's pro-democracy movement on Friday welcomed a new power-sharing agreement with the ruling military council as a victory for their "revolution," raising hopes for an end to the three-month standoff with the generals and deadly violence.

The emerging deal could break the political impasse that has gripped the country since the military ousted the longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April, amid an uprising against his rule.

"Today, our revolution has won and our victory shines," said a statement posted early Friday on the Facebook page of the Sudanese Professionals' Association, which has spearheaded the protests.

Talks on a power-sharing agreement had collapsed when security forces razed a protest camp outside



In this June 30, 2019 archive photograph, Sudanese protesters shout slogans during a protest against the military council in Khartoum, Sudan.

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the military headquarters in Khartoum on June 3. More than a hundred people were killed since then, according to the protesters. In the ensuing weeks, protesters stayed in the streets demanding that the generals hand power to civilian

leadership, to no avail. But early on Friday, the two parties agreed to form a joint sovereign council — previously a sticking point in the talks — to lead the country during a transition period of three years and three months, said the SPA

statement.

The council will include five civilians representing the protest movement and five military members. An eleventh seat will go to a civilian chosen by both parties. A military member will preside over the council during

the first 21 months, followed by a civilian member after, according to the statement.

This suggests a significant concession on the part of pro-democracy forces, which had insisted that the sovereign council have only a civilian president. However, the deal did secure another key demand — that protest leaders select the members of a technocratic Cabinet to be formed independently from the generals.

The African Union and Ethiopia made intensive efforts to bring the generals and the protesters back to the negotiating table.

Negotiations resumed earlier this week after tens of thousands of demonstrators flooded the streets of Sudan's main cities over the weekend in the biggest show of numbers since the razing of the protesters' sit-in camp. At least 11 people were killed in clashes with security forces, according to protest organizers. □

Mothers rally as Hong Kong's divide shows no sign of closing

By KEN MORITSUGU

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's societal divide showed no sign of closing Friday as students rebuffed an offer from city leader Carrie Lam to meet and a few thousand mothers rallied in support of young protesters who left a trail of destruction in the legislature's building at the start of the week.

"Don't feel lonely, dad and mum will support you" read one of many handwritten messages held aloft at a "Hong Kong Mothers" rally. One speaker, university professor Sealing Cheng, asked who was responsible for the destruction of the legislature, implying that an arrogant government had driven the protesters to break into the building and rampage through it.

"Our hearts ache for the young protesters and our society torn apart," she said in a speech to the crowd of mostly women.

The mainland's economic influence loomed large at the rally, held in a square under the towering offices of the Bank of China and



A man holds a card while joining a rally by mothers in Hong Kong on Friday, Jan. 5, 2019.

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other Chinese banks. Many young people feel left out of the China-driven economy, struggling to make ends meet and stuck in tiny apartments because of soaring real estate prices. They think a democratically elected government would be more responsive to their needs than one chosen by pro-Beijing elites who ben-

efit from the economic ties to the mainland.

The Monday night assault on the legislature — in which glass walls were shattered, slogans spray-painted over the walls and the electronic voting system destroyed — seems to have hardened positions on both sides.

The pro-Beijing establish-

ment condemned the violence, as did the Chinese government. On the other side, a large swath of Hong Kong's population expressed sympathy for the students, seeing them as having sacrificed for a shared cause, that of preventing an erosion of freedoms and increased Chinese influence over the

semi-autonomous territory. Lam, who disappeared from public view for two weeks as protests mounted, pledged to do a better job of listening to the voices of young people in a morning speech on Monday, a holiday that marked the 22nd anniversary of the return of Hong Kong from British rule to China.

But her invitation later in the week to meet behind closed doors was rebuffed by student unions at two Hong Kong universities as insincere and a publicity gimmick.

Student leaders said at a news conference Friday that any meeting should be public and include a wider representation than just them. They also demanded that protesters, dozens of whom have been arrested, would not be prosecuted. "A closed-door meeting does not have any witnesses to prove what was discussed, the public does not know what the dialogue was about," said Jordan Pang from the University of Hong Kong Students' Union. "The public has the right to know." □

Sri Lanka's top court stays executions until Oct. 30

By BHARATHA MALLAWARACHI

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)

— Sri Lanka's Supreme Court on Friday issued a temporary injunction against the execution of four people, a week after the country's president announced he would end the country's 43-year moratorium on the death penalty.

The court issued the injunction until Oct. 30 in response to a petition filed by a convict on death row against the move by President Maithripala Sirisena to execute the four people convicted of drug offenses. The Supreme Court will take up the case again on Oct. 29.

Sirisena announced last week that he has signed death warrants for the four amid alarm over drug-related crime in the country. He said the dates of the executions have been decid-

ed, but they have not yet been announced.

Sirisena has said narcotic drugs have become a menace with 300,000 addicts across the island nation, which authorities say is being used by dealers as a transit hub. He said 60% of the country's 24,000 inmates were jailed for drug-related offenses. Sri Lanka's prisons were built to accommodate 11,000 people.

Drug trafficking is a capital offense, but no prisoners have been executed since 1976. Currently, 1,299 prisoners are on death row, including 48 convicted of drug offenses.

In April, police publicly destroyed 770 kilograms (1,695 pounds) of drugs seized in 2016 and 2017. Police have seized 731 kilograms (1,608 pounds) of heroin, 1 kilogram (2.2 pounds) of co-

caine and 1,607 kilograms (3,535 pounds) of marijuana so far this year.

Marijuana is the most widely used illegal drug in Sri Lanka, followed by heroin and cocaine. Drug-related arrests rose 2% in 2017 from the previous year to 81,156. Last week, prison authorities recruited two new hangmen to carry out the execution orders after the two previous hangmen quit — in 2014 and last year — without executing anyone. Sirisena's move is facing mounting criticism from rights groups and foreign governments, including the European Union.

Sirisena, who visited the Philippines in January, praised President Rodrigo Duterte's harsh crackdown on illegal drugs as "an example to the world." Thousands of suspects, mostly urban poor, have been



In this Tuesday, May 7, 2019 file photo, Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena speaks during an interview with the Associated Press at his residence in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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slain since Duterte took office in 2016. Rights groups have denounced what they say are extrajudicial killings. Police say most of the suspects were killed in encounters with officers. Sri Lanka is predominantly

Buddhist, a religion that advocates non-violence. Sirisena has said the country has had positive influences from all religions, but tough law enforcement is necessary to curb crime and maintain order. □

Maduro shows military might in Independence Day celebration

By SCOTT SMITH

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro oversaw a grand military parade to mark the country's independence day Friday, reveling in his might as commander in chief as the embattled socialist leader comes under mounting criticism for using brutal tactics to crush his opponents.

Maduro applauded and pumped his fist as soldiers marched past, tanks rolled by and fighter jets streaked overhead at a Caracas military base. A unit of camouflaged special forces, guns drawn, shouted their loyalty as they paraded by the presidential reviewing stand.

"We look to the heavens, asking for peace," Maduro said. "All the while our military exercises play out. We plead to God with our missiles pointed."

The parade served as a demonstration of Maduro's continuing support from the military amid a political standoff with opposition leader Juan Guaidó, who is trying to oust Maduro and has the backing of more than 50 nations, including the United States.

Guaidó, who led a rival march across town Friday, claimed presidential pow-



Soldiers march during a military parade marking Independence Day in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday July 5, 2019.

Associated Press

ers in January, at the time drawing throngs of supporters for demonstrations against Maduro, who has overseen the oil-rich nation's historic collapse. More than 4 million Venezuelans have left the country amid food and medicine shortages and crushing inflation. As head of the opposition-controlled National Assembly, Guaidó claims that Maduro's election in 2018 to a second, six-year

term is illegitimate because the most popular political figures and parties were barred from running. Maduro refuses to step aside, blaming Venezuela's woes on an economic war against the country led by the Trump administration, and Guaidó has not been able to lure a critical mass of soldiers to back him. In his brief address, Maduro renewed his call for a dialogue with the opposition.

As he spoke, members of Venezuela's militia each held a cardboard box of the type used to distribute government-subsidized food. Despite the splashy military parade, Maduro has had some defectors. Colombian authorities say a few hundred soldiers have abandoned Maduro in recent months. Most notably, Maduro's spy chief Gen. Manuel Christopher Figuera fled after

a failed military uprising staged April 30 with Guaidó and another popular opposition leader, Leopoldo López. Now in the United States, Christopher Figuera says his mission is to "seek help to free my country from disgrace."

In a sign of increasing international repudiation of Maduro, the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, Michelle Bachelet, issued a scathing report Thursday accusing Venezuela's security forces of nearly 5,300 killings last year.

Venezuelans interviewed by the human rights workers referred to a particular security unit, FAES, as a "death squad" or "extermination group."

Maduro's government has also undermined the rule of law and dismantled democratic institutions, the U.N. reported. "These measures are aimed at neutralizing, repressing and criminalizing political opponents and people critical of the Government," the report said. Deputy Foreign Minister William Castillo blasted the report, saying it failed to reflect "the reality in our country." He demanded the report be corrected and said the government would heed "constructive" and "balanced" recommendations. □

Mexico issues arrest warrants for ex-Pemex boss, relatives



In this Aug. 17, 2017 file photo, Emilio Lozoya, former head of Mexico's state-owned oil company Pemex, gives a press conference in Mexico City.

Associated Press

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's attorney general's office said Friday that new

arrest warrants have been issued for the former head of the state oil company and several of his relatives.

In a statement, prosecutors said that the warrants for Emilio Lozoya and others are related to their investigation into wrongdoing by the Brazilian construction behemoth Odebrecht.

The targets were only identified by their first names, but an official in the attorney general's office who was not authorized to speak publicly, confirmed that it was Lozoya.

Attorney Javier Coello told Milenio TV that the warrant for his client wasn't surprising, but it was a shock that Lozoya's wife, mother and sister were also included.

"What does Mr. Lozoya's wife have to do with this? What does his mom have to do with this?" Coello said,

adding that he believed Lozoya was in Mexico. The attorney general's office said that Interpol had also been notified of the warrants. It said sufficient evidence was presented to a judge to allow advancement in "a case that for a long time was frozen in a reprehensible way."

Brazil's so-called Car Wash investigation into illicit payments by Odebrecht to government officials has led to multiple arrests and prosecutions in Latin American countries over the past five years, but none in Mexico.

Earlier this year, the attorney general's office also sought an arrest warrant for Lozoya in relation to the

2015 sale of a fertilizer plant to state-run oil company Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, at an inflated price, although the former executive has denied wrongdoing.

In late 2016, Odebrecht and Braskem, a petrochemical subsidiary, reached an agreement with American, Brazilian and Swiss justice officials to pay \$3.5 billion in penalties.

As part of that accord, Odebrecht divulged details on bribes across several countries. It said it paid \$10.5 million to officials at Pemex between 2010 and 2014.

Lozoya was head of the company from 2012 to 2016. □

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Aruba Timeshare Association partners up with the Happy Community Initiative

EAGLE BEACH — Luigi Heredia is the President of the Aruba Time-share Association (Atsa) and also General Manager of the Costa Linda Beach Resort. Together with CEDE Aruba, a dynamic community foundation and supporting non-profits in Aruba since 1986, they launched Aruba's Visitor Charity Program. This is a new platform for all visitors who would like to give a little bit of kindness to our community. The first digital donation kiosks in the Caribbean are inaugurated for this reason, last Thursday at the Costa Linda Beach Resort.

Heredia explained to a handful of guests of the resort what this Happy Community Initiative is about and how easy it actually is to make a donation by using the kiosk or through the website www.happycommunityaruba.org. The kiosks are available in several timeshare hotel lobbies. In addition, some resorts will offer the possibility to make a donation at the checkout. Daniel Tecklenborg is the director of CEDE Aruba, and they initiated this visitor charity program that is also

endorsed by the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA). This will be a platform for all visitors who would like to make a donation, but also volunteer in the future. The priority is set to support projects for the Aruban youth. CEDE Aruba will make sure that the donations reach meaningful projects of local non-profits and upon quality and transparent finances of the offered programs. This way you can be assured that your donation will hit its goal!

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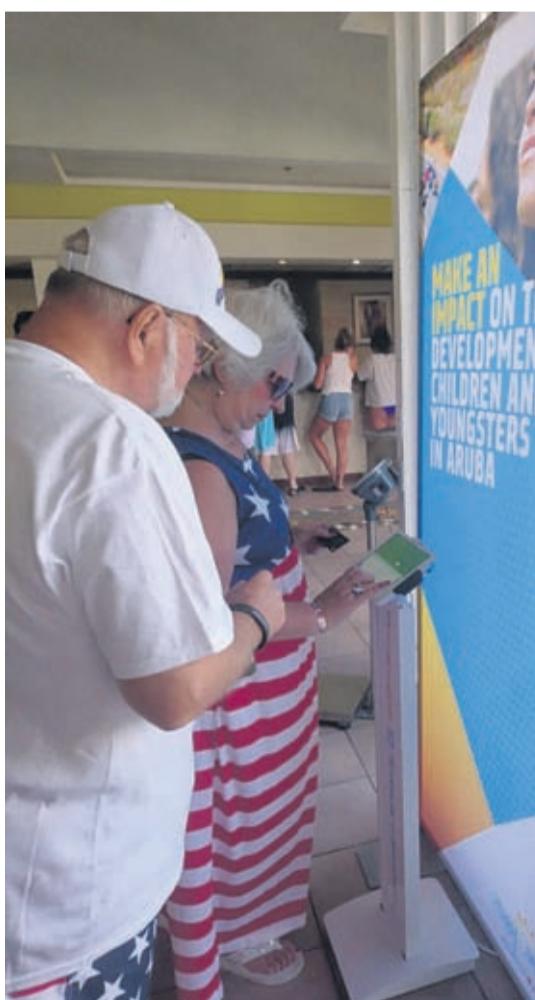
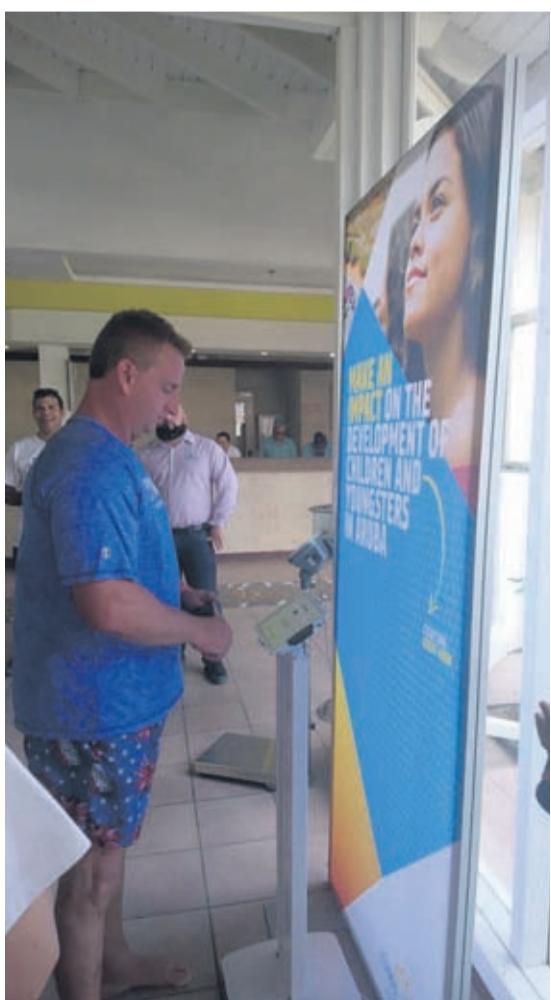
issue for Aruba's future economy and the tourism industry.

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Tie Dye workshops at Cosecha



San Nicolas — This month, Cosecha will be collaborating with international artists of Tie Dye, Oscar Tadeo. Tadeo is an artist specialized in dyeing techniques. He uses natural dyeing products exclusively made by him. Cosecha sells local, certified Arts & Crafts including a large amount of pieces that are made with recycled material. Moreover, Cosecha together with artists offers a variety of creative workshops where recycled material is regularly used to create a piece of art or craft.

Cosecha will be presenting two creative workshops of Tie Dye. The first workshop will teach the participant how to dye t-shirts. In the second workshop they will learn how to dye a dress and a long-sleeve shirt. The greatness of this technique is that at the end you will have a new piece of clothing made with your own creativity. For the workshop at Cosecha, Tadeo will be using the dye Indigo. This is a blue dye which is extracted from the plants. This dye has been used for centuries. Tadeo is a fashiondesign-



er. Most of his collection is made out of this blue dye. refreshments are included.

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Also check out their Facebook page Aruba Cosecha. □

25 years corporation in counterdrugs operations between the Dutch Navy and the USA



SAVANETA — Stopping the flow of illicit drugs in the Caribbean is a team effort. 25 years ago the Royal Netherlands Navy joined JIATF-S in Key West, FL. The Commander of the Dutch forces in the Caribbean took up the role of Commander Task Group 4.4 (CTG4.4) and has been part of the international effort against illicit trafficking in the region ever since.

Recently the Dutch Navy ship HNLMS Groningen visited Key West, where the Director JIATF RADM De Quattro and Deputy Director RDML Keck were welcomed aboard to celebrate 25 years of close cooperation between The Netherlands and the United States.

As CTG4.4 the Dutch Navy helps to improve regional

security. The smaller (islands)states of the Caribbean, including the islands of the Dutch Caribbean, can't fight organized crime and the flow of illicit trafficking of drugs and weapons on their own. International partnerships form the solution. In JIATF-S 20 countries from the Latin American and Caribbean regions work together to combat illicit trafficking.

Drugs are a worldwide problem. In the Caribbean region most of the drugs smuggled across are cocaine, on its way to the US or Europe. Often it comes together with illegal migration and guns trafficking. Every year violence related to drugs trafficking results in the loss of life of hundreds of people, of which many



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Glen Prisco and Eve Fair from New Jersey were recently honored as Distinguished Visitors due to their 10th consecutive visit to Aruba.

They stated that they love coming to the island for its beautiful beaches, lovely weather and great restaurants.

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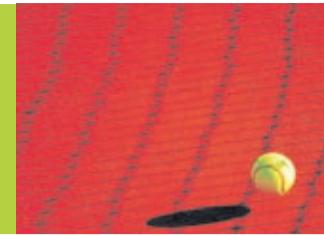
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Slovakia's Peter Sagan is seen prior to a training session, in Brussels, Friday, July 5, 2019, ahead of upcoming Saturday's start of the race.

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Cycling's new generation ready to deliver at Tour de France

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
AP Sports Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — No matter who wins, this year's Tour de France will see a changing of the guard. And if the names of Wout Van Aert, Kasper Asgreen, Enric Mas or Caleb Ewan don't ring a bell now, they might soon be on everybody's lips.

In the absence of many stalwart riders who have stamped their mark on cycling's marquee event in recent years, new faces will emerge this summer.

There is a long list of top riders missing the Tour, which starts on Saturday from Brussels with a 194.5 kilometer (120.8-mile) stage through Flanders and back to the Belgian capital, and that number includes:

- Four-time champion Chris Froome, who is missing out for the first time since 2011.

- 2018 runner-up Tom Dumoulin.

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Gauff avoids 2 match points in Centre Court win

United States' Cori "Coco" Gauff celebrates after beating Slovenia's Polona Hercog in a Women's singles match during day five of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Friday, July 5, 2019.

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DeChambeau dominates 2nd round of 3M Open, leads at 14-under

By DAVE CAMPBELL

BLAINE, Minn. (AP) — Bryson DeChambeau figured a score well into the double digits below par could win the inaugural 3M Open. He's already there, halfway through.

DeChambeau dominated the second round, racking up nine birdies to finish Friday at a career-low 62 and vault into the lead with a 14-under-par score halfway through the first-time PGA Tour event at the TPC Twin Cities.

The 25-year-old DeChambeau, who entered the week eighth in the world rankings, hit greens in regulation on 17 of 18 holes. He sank four putts from 20-plus feet, including the No. 7 and No. 8 holes during a commanding surge on his second nine.

"You're not going to be perfect, but I can keep driving it well just like I have been, and become more and more confident, that's the Bryson we saw last year," said DeChambeau, who went bogey-free over the first two days for the first time in his career.

Adam Hadwin arrived in the clubhouse in second place at 12-under, after five birdies in a steely performance on the back nine amid an on-and-off drizzle during the afternoon. Hadwin, who finished sixth a month ago at the Canadian Open in his native country, shot a 66 to follow up his first-round 64. He was well aware when he teed off exactly how far he'd have to come to pull within striking distance of DeChambeau.



Bryson DeChambeau watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during the second round of the 3M Open golf tournament in Blaine, Minn., Friday, July 5, 2019.

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"I am the quintessential leaderboard watcher. I know almost at any point where everybody is at, even at 9 a.m. on Thursday morning," Hadwin said. "I knew I obviously knew that low scores were available today, but at the same time you still have to be patient. You still have to let it come."

Scott Piercy, who opened a two-stroke lead with a 62 in the first round Thursday, started on No. 10 and sputtered through the windless, muggy morning with five bogeys on his first nine to offset an eagle. Piercy still came in at 10-under. He was joined by Sam Burns, Brian Harman and Sam Saunders in a four-way tie for third place.

DeChambeau played with Keegan Bradley and Charles Howell III, who used two eagles to shoot 66 and reach the weekend at

8-under. Tony Finau joined Howell in that large group by chipping in for eagle on the 18th.

Just ahead of them, in a smaller bunch tied for seventh at 9-under, was Arjun Atwal, a 46-year-old from India who became one of four late qualifiers Monday for the 156-player field by shooting a 62.

World No. 1 Brooks Koepka had another quiet day, finishing at 3-under.

The biggest name to miss the cut was Phil Mickelson, who has failed to reach the weekend in four of his last six events. After taking a triple bogey on his way to a 74 in the first round, Mickelson shot a 73 to finish 2-over.

DeChambeau entered the event tied for just 133rd on the tour in greens in regulation. His previous best round on the tour, which

he joined in 2017, was a 63 he posted three times. The most recent one was at the Sony Open in Hawaii in January, when he finished tied for 10th.

The first high-profile player to commit to this tournament at the Arnold Palmer-designed, 19-year-old course on a former sod farm now flanked by 4,000-square-foot houses about 20 miles north of downtown Minneapolis, DeChambeau has four top-10 finishes this season. That includes the fifth tour victory of his career at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas in November.

After finishing third in the FedEx Cup standings in 2018, DeChambeau entered the week in 25th place on the strength of his tied-for-eighth finish at the Travelers Championship in Connecticut two weeks ago.

He missed the cut in three straight starts this spring, including the PGA Championship.

The 3M Open was attractive to DeChambeau for more than just the potential boost toward a top-10 FedEx Cup finish and the momentum heading into the final major of the year at the British Open in two weeks.

The former physics major at SMU who's fondly known on tour as the "Mad Scientist" for his exceptional interest in and knowledge of swing mechanics and other intricacies of the sport, DeChambeau eagerly paid a visit this week to 3M world headquarters in Maplewood about 25 miles from the course in Blaine. He checked out some of the innovative projects in the works by the manufacturing giant best known for Post-It notes.

Wearing his usual newsboy-style, classic white golf cap in tribute to Ben Hogan, DeChambeau doffed it often as he walked confidently around the course. The sure sign this was his day came as he wrapped up at the daunting ninth hole, a 502-yard par-4. His second shot landed slightly beyond the rough between the green and one of the many water hazards lurking at the course, about 50 feet from the pin and out of danger. He left his first putt just 3½ feet short, leaving an easy tap to save par.

"That was the only time I was nervous today," DeChambeau said. "Everything else felt like just a pure rhythm." □

Noah Lyles runs 19.50 in 200 meters, 4th best time ever

LAUSANNE, Switzerland

(AP) — Noah Lyles raced to the fourth-fastest 200-meter time in history on Friday, finishing in 19.50 seconds at the Athletissima Diamond League meet.

Lyles even ran into a slight headwind on a warm evening, going 0.08 seconds faster than Usain Bolt's Lausanne track record set seven years ago.

Only Michael Johnson

among American sprinters, winning the 1996 Atlanta Olympics title in 19.32, has run the 200 faster than the 21-year-old Floridian.

Bolt's world record of 19.19 was set at the 2009 world championships in Berlin. His Jamaica teammate Yohan Blake ran 19.26 at Brussels in 2011.

In other world-leading performances Friday, Timothy Cheruiyot of Kenya won

the men's 1,500 in 3 minutes, 28.77 seconds, and pole vaulter Piotr Lisek of Poland cleared 6.01 meters.

Lyles had been tied for eighth all-time for his 19.65 set at Monaco last year. His season-best had been 19.72, when he was runner-up to another 21-year-old American, Michael Norman. Norman's time of 10.70 at the Golden Gala

meet in Rome one month ago had been the fastest in the world this year.

On an ideal night for sprinting, two-time Olympic gold medalist Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce dominated the women's 100. Her 10.74 performance was just 0.01 outside the world-leading time Elaine Thompson and Fraser-Pryce herself clocked at the Jamaica nationals last month. The 32-year-old Fra-

ser-Pryce, who missed the 2017 season to give birth to her first child, quickly ran clear to finish 0.17 ahead of Dina Asher-Smith, the European champion.

Asher-Smith and the 2017 worlds silver and bronze medalists — Marie-Josée Ta Lou and Dafne Schippers — all clocked season-best times trailing far behind Fraser-Pryce, the 2008 and 2012 Olympic champion. □

15-year-old Coco Gauff still unfazed, unbeaten at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— It was easy to forget that Coco Gauff is still just 15 as she stood on the grass of Centre Court, pounding her chest and shouting, "Let's go! Come on!" to celebrate a 32-stroke point that forced a third set in her match Friday evening at Wimbledon.

Up in the stands, Mom rose to pump a fist and yell, "Yes!" Thousands of spectators jumped out of their seats, too, roaring. By then, Gauff already twice had been a point from losing in the third round to Polona Hercog of Slovenia.

Most players, no matter the age, would not be able to find a path past that kind of a deficit on this imposing a stage, would not be able to handle that sort of stress and figure out a way. Gauff is, quite clearly, not most players. That much has been established. How far can she go, both this fortnight and in the future? The tennis world is watching, waiting to learn the answers.

That Gauff, ranked 313th and facing another unseeded player, was scheduled to appear at Wimbledon's main stadium says plenty about what a sensation the Floridian already is. That she won this one, and how she did so — erasing a pair of match points and coming back to beat Hercog 3-6, 7-6 (7), 7-5 — offer some insight into what Gauff might become.

"Obviously, this moment is an incredible moment," Gauff said. "I'm still excited I get to keep living it."

As it is, she was the youngest player to qualify for Wimbledon in the professional era, winning three matches last week against higher-ranked women in the preliminary rounds.

Then, by upsetting five-time champion Venus Williams, who is 39, in the first round of the main event, Gauff became the youngest woman to win a match at the All England Club since 1991, when Jennifer Capriati reached the semifinals at 15.

That was followed by a win against 2017 Wimbledon



Serbia's Novak Djokovic gets to his feet after returning to Poland's Hubert Hurkacz in a Men's singles match during day five of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Friday, July 5, 2019.

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semifinalist Magdalena Rybarikova, who is 30, before getting past Hercog, 28. When a reporter wanted to know how Gauff might spend the prize money she's already earned of about 175,000 pounds (\$220,000), she replied: "I mean, I can't buy a car, because I can't drive."

That made her giggle, as did some of the other things she said at her news conference through a permanent smile, including her unprompted opening line about Jayden Smith's new album, her plea for tickets to a Beyonce concert and poking fun at her mother, Candi, for the way she waved her arms overhead when Friday's victory was over.

"Please tell me she's a meme," Gauff said. "I'm so excited to go on Instagram."

Next up: A fourth-round matchup against 2018 French Open champion and former No. 1 Simona Halep, who eliminated two-time major champ Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 6-1. Other women's contests

Monday will be No. 3 seed

Karolina Pliskova against Karolina Muchova, No. 8 Elina Svitolina against No. 24 Petra Martic, and Dayana Yastremska against Zhang Shuai, who defeated former No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki 6-4, 6-2.

The top half of the men's draw, meanwhile, saw more in its series of upsets, leaving defending champion Novak Djokovic with what seems like little resistance in his road to the final. The No. 1 seed got a brief test Friday before quickly righting himself and getting past Hubert Hurkacz 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4. No one else on that side of the bracket is ranked higher than 17th; that's the spot held by Milos Raonic, who is also the only other player who ever has

been to a Grand Slam final. Those exiting Friday included last year's runner-up, No. 4 Kevin Anderson, who was knocked off by No. 26 Guido Pella 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (4). Pella beat 2017 runner-up Marin Cilic last year at Wimbledon and now will face 2016 runner-up Raonic, who beat Reilly Opelka of

the U.S. 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 10 Karen Khachanov, No. 11 Daniil Medvedev and No. 19 Felix Auger-Aliassime all lost.

"It's impossible to say who is going to figure things out more than the others to do what it takes to win Slams," Anderson said.

That could be said of Gauff, of course, but she sure is looking like someone who can go far in the coming years.

She has a big serve, dialing it up to 118 mph on Friday — only Hercog and Serena Williams have hit one faster this week — and good groundstrokes off both wings, along with some touch and guile. And what she possesses, above all, is some real calm amid a storm.

As Hercog perfectly put it: "She's probably older in her head than the numbers show."

Hercog, who is ranked 60th, and is now 0-4 in third-round matches at majors, used a seven-game run to grab the opening set, the first dropped by Gauff in qualifying or the main

draw, and then go up 5-2 in the second.

With Gauff serving at 30-40, Hercog was a point from victory. But the teen conjured up a backhand slice winner that dropped right on the chalk — a shot she only recently added to her repertoire. After Gauff's aggressive style paid off there, it was Hercog who really went into a shell, playing so cautiously and making mistake after mistake. A big one came when Hercog served for the match at 5-3 and held her second match point: She double-faulted. Eventually they headed to a tiebreaker, Gauff's first at a tour-level event.

Yet another reminder how new all of this is for her. Her play then offered yet another reminder how capable she is of handling it all.

"We've been working on her poise all year," Gauff's father, Corey, said earlier in the week. "After that comes together, then you really can improve your game, because when you're poised, you're not that emotional. You can troubleshoot." □

Ryu dominates, Bellinger homers and Dodgers beat Padres 5-1

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hyun-Jin Ryu tossed six scoreless innings, All-Star Cody Bellinger hit his 30th home run, and the Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres for their ninth straight home victory. The Dodgers had won their previous five home games via walk-off, one short of the major league record set by the 2000 Kansas City Royals. Bellinger had the winning RBIs on Tuesday and Wednesday. They didn't need any late-game fireworks this Fourth of July. Ryu (10-2) allowed three hits, struck out five and walked a season-high three to become the first Dodgers starter to win a game



Los Angeles Dodgers' Chris Taylor, left, scores past the tag of San Diego Padres catcher Austin Hedges on a sacrifice fly by Alex Verdugo during the fifth inning of a baseball game Thursday, July 4, 2019, in Los Angeles.

since June 21, when Walker

Buehler struck out 16 in a 4-2 victory over Colorado. The South Korean left-hander lowered his major league-leading ERA to 1.73.

Bellinger homered leading off the sixth, sending a 2-2 pitch into right field to join Reggie Jackson, Mark McGwire and Willie Mays as players 23 or younger with 30 homers before the All-Star break.

The Padres dropped their fifth in a row, with JT Chargois striking out their final five batters to end the game. Dinelson Lamet (0-1) limited the Dodgers to two hits — including Max Muncy's 21st homer — through four innings of his season debut, but took the loss.

NATIONALS 5, MARLINS 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anthony Rendon hit his 20th homer and knocked in the go-ahead run to help the Nationals finish a three-game sweep of the last-place Miami Marlins.

Washington has won eight of nine and 13 of 16 to climb to a season-best four games over .500.

Kurt Suzuki homered in the second inning to extend the Montreal Expos/Nationals franchise record for consecutive games with a home run to 18. Rendon hit a solo shot in the fourth off Elieser Hernández (1-3) and drove in Gerardo Parra with a single in the fifth.

Washington right-hander Aníbal Sánchez (5-6) allowed one earned run and five hits in six innings. Fernando Rodney got three

outs for his second save of the season.

Miguel Rojas homered for Miami, and Starlin Castro had three hits.

BRAVES 12, PHILLIES 6

ATLANTA (AP) — Dansby Swanson hit two homers and drove in five runs, and the Braves rallied from a first-inning, four-run deficit to beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Ozzie Albies gave Atlanta the lead with a three-run homer in the third. A.J. Minter (3-4) pitched a perfect seventh to earn the victory.

The Braves hit five homers overall, giving them a combined eight in winning the final two games of the three-game series. Freddie Freeman and Josh Donaldson hit back-to-back homers off Édgar García in the fourth.

The Phillies dropped to third place in the division, behind Atlanta and Washington. The Phillies scored four runs on six hits in the first inning off All-Star Mike Soroka, but the Braves charged back against Zach Eflin (7-8). Soroka didn't allow another run while Eflin allowed two runs in the first, two in the second and three in the third.

Philadelphia's Sean Rodríguez hit a pinch-hit homer off Grant Dayton in the sixth.

REDS 1, BREWERS 0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Luis Castillo struck out nine while pitching one-hit ball into the eighth inning, lead-

ing the Reds to the victory. Cincinnati won for the fourth time in five games. Jesse Winker went 3 for 3 and scored the only run on Yasiel Puig's first-inning single off Brandon Woodruff (10-3).

Castillo (8-3) was working on a no-hitter before Keston Hiura singled with one out in the seventh. The All-Star right-hander might have gone the distance if not for a 69-minute rain delay with two out in the eighth inning.

Milwaukee dropped the last three games of the four-game set. It hasn't scored since the sixth inning of Tuesday's 11-inning Cincinnati win.

Christian Yelich started the ninth with a double off Raisel Iglesias for the Brewers' second hit. But Iglesias then retired three in a row for his 16th save.

CUBS 11, PIRATES 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kris Bryant hit his 17th homer and Chicago erupted following manager Joe Maddon's fourth-inning ejection, routing Pittsburgh to stop a four-game losing streak. Bryant tied a season high with four hits, including a first-inning shot to the seats in right-center off Jordan Lyles (5-5). Robel Garcia finished a double short of the cycle in his first major league start. Willson Contreras drove in three runs for the Cubs, who moved back into a tie with Milwaukee for first place in the crowded NL Central, where all five teams are separated by 3½ games.

Maddon watched the final 5½ innings from the Chicago clubhouse after getting tossed following an exchange with the Pittsburgh dugout that ended with Maddon being restrained by home plate umpire Joe West.

Maddon appeared to take exception with Lyles pitching up and in to All-Star Javier Báez. He walked onto the field pointing his finger at Pirates manager Clint Hurdle. West and Bryant teamed up to hold Maddon back while Hurdle watched from just outside the Pittsburgh dugout. □

Phillies' Herrera accepts suspension for rest of season

NEW YORK (AP) — Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Odubel Herrera has accepted a suspension for the rest of the season under Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. The commissioner's office announced his decision Friday, two days after domestic assault charges against Herrera in Atlantic City, New Jersey, were dismissed. He had been charged with simple assault and knowingly causing bodily injury stemming from an incident on May 27 at the Golden Nugget Casino. The woman, his girlfriend, declined

to press charges. Herrera accepted a suspension that would include any postseason games. The unpaid suspension is retroactive to June 24 and covers 85 games. He will lose \$2,634,409 of his \$5 million salary, the amount due over the final 98 days of the 186-day regular season. He is in the third year of a \$30.5 million, five-year contract and is due to make \$7 million next season and \$10 million in 2021. Philadelphia has club options for 2022 and '23. He missed time in April with a hamstring injury.



Philadelphia Phillies baseball player Odubel Herrera arrives at court for a hearing on a domestic violence case in Atlantic City, N.J., Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

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Rangers top Angels in finale

Skaggs would've started for L.A.

By The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Lance Lynn matched the major league lead with his 11th win and the Texas Rangers avoided a series sweep with a 9-3 victory over the grieving Los Angeles Angels on Thursday night, the Fourth of July game that the late Tyler Skaggs had been scheduled to start.

The Angels won the first two games of the series after the 27-year-old Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room in Texas on Monday, and that night's scheduled game was postponed until August.

Mike Trout hit another impressive homer for Los Angeles in the first inning, his AL best-tying 25th. But Lynn (11-4) limited Los Angeles to only one more run over his seven innings and Rougned Odor homered twice to drive in five runs for the Rangers, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

An emotional trip for the Angels that began with them traveling to Texas in cowboy hats and Western attire — a theme initiated by Skaggs — now takes them to Houston for three games this weekend against the Astros before the All-Star break. Skaggs' No. 45 jersey hung prominently in his clubhouse locker before the game, and then in the dugout during games throughout the series.

Angels rookie right-hander Griffin Canning (3-5) struck out six, but walked three and allowed six runs over 3 1/3 innings.

YANKEES 8, RAYS 4, 10 INNINGS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — DJ LeMahieu hit a tiebreaking two-run single and Gary Sanchez had a long three-run homer in the 10th inning, and AL East-leading New York overcome a ninth-inning blown save by closer Aroldis Chapman to beat second-place Tampa Bay in the opener of a four-game series.

Edwin Encarnacion hit his 25th homer for the Yankees, who are 15-2 since

June 15 and have a season-high, 7 1/2-game lead over the Rays.

Tampa Bay, which led the division as late as games through June 14, is 2-8 against the Yankees this season.

Gio Urshela started the 10th drawing a walk off Oliver Drake (0-1) and went to second when pinch-hitter Aaron Judge walked on a 10-pitch plate appearance.

After the Yankees loaded the bases on Brett Gardner's bunt single, LeMahieu greeted Emilio Pagan with a ground single to left through a drawn-in infield. LeMahieu is 9 for 11 with 20 RBIs with the bases loaded. Sanchez hit 24th homer off Pagan, a drive into the second deck in the left field.

CARDINALS 5, MARINERS 4
SEATTLE (AP) — Matt Wieters and Dexter Fowler homered, Tommy Edman came through with another key hit, and St. Louis rallied past Seattle.

Wieters hit a solo shot in the third inning and Fowler added a two-run drive in the fourth. Daniel Ponce de Leon got his first major league win, and Carlos Martinez worked the ninth for his third save.

Edman put the Cardinals in front for the second straight day with a two-run single in the seventh. Edman connected for a pinch-hit three-run homer during St. Louis' five-run ninth in a 5-2 win Wednesday night.

St. Louis starter Michael Wacha was charged with four runs and six hits in 3 1/3 innings, but the Cardinals bullpen was solid for the second straight game. Ponce de Leon (1-0) allowed one baserunner in 2 2/3 innings. Andrew Miller worked out of a jam in the eighth before Martinez finished.

J.P. Crawford and Tim Beckham homered for the Mariners, who have dropped six of seven. All-Star Daniel Vogelbach singled home a run.

INDIANS 8, ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

Francisco Lindor drove in three runs, Jose Ramirez homered twice and Cleveland rallied to beat bumbling Kansas City to complete a three-game sweep. Tyler Naquin and Jason Kipnis also drove in runs for the suddenly streaking Indians, who beat the Royals — losers of four straight and seven of eight — for the fifth time in six meetings.

Adam Cimber (4-2) tossed 2 1/3 scoreless innings in relief as the Indians' bullpen bailed out Zach Plesac. Their ineffective starter allowed three runs and three hits in just 2 2/3 innings.

Kansas City only managed three more hits in a game delayed 2 1/2 hours at the start by rain.

Still, the Royals were clinging to a 3-2 lead in the seventh when Jorge Lopez (1-7) coughed up hits to the only four batters he faced. Kevin Plawecki and Bobby Bradley started the inning with singles, and Naquin doubled home Plawecki before Lindor laced a two-run single to give Cleveland the lead.

ATHLETICS 7, TWINS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Marcus Semien hit a grand slam in the eighth after his tying solo homer leading off the fifth, Chris Herrmann had a career-high four hits, and Oakland beat Minnesota for a winning series against the AL Central leaders.

Semien sent the first pitch from Mike Morin over the wall in left-center for his 13th homer of the year and fourth career grand slam. He matched his career high with five RBIs, also done last year, while notching his fifth two-homer game and second this season.

Wei-Chung Wang (1-0) pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings of relief for his first career win in 34 appearances over parts of three major league seasons — and it was a timely outing by the Taiwanese lefty on a day the A's bullpen was thin after a 4-3, 12-inning loss Wednesday night.

Ehire Adrianza's single with



Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Griffin Canning (47) stands on the mound as Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor (12) rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Thursday, July 4, 2019.

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two outs in the top of the fifth had put Minnesota ahead after he reached on a bases-loaded catcher's interference in the first to give the Twins a 1-0 lead. Semien's first drive of the day gave the A's a home run in nine straight games. Oakland went ahead on Mark Canha's groundout four batters later.

Jose Berrios (8-5) allowed three runs and six hits in five innings with two strikeouts and three walks to lose his second straight start and third consecutive decision.

TIGERS 11, WHITE SOX 5

CHICAGO (AP) — Niko Goodrum hit a two-run homer during Detroit's five-run sixth inning, and Matthew Boyd matched a career high with 13 strikeouts. The Tigers won just the second time in their past 13 games. Miguel Cabrera and Jeimer Candelario homered, and John Hicks and Nicholas Castellanos each had two RBIs.

Boyd (6-6) allowed four runs in 5 1/3 innings in his first win since May 28.

Eloy Jiménez and José Rondón each hit a two-run homer for Chicago, which had won three in a row. Jiménez also had a sacrifice fly.

White Sox right-hander Reynaldo López allowed seven runs, six earned, and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

RED SOX 8, BLUE JAYS 7
TORONTO (AP) — Pinch-hitter Marco Hernandez hit a tiebreaking home run in the ninth inning and the Boston Red Sox beat the Blue Jays. Hitting for Sandy Leon, Hernandez connected off Blue Jays closer Ken Giles (1-2), his second homer of the season. Giles was pitching for the third straight game, the first time he's done that this year. Giles missed 10 games last month because of a sore elbow.

Michael Chavis hit a three-run homer and Rafael Devers added a solo shot as the Red Sox extended their streak of games with at least one home run to eight. Boston won its sixth straight on July 4. Brandon Workman (8-1) pitched the final two innings for the win despite giving up the tying run in the eighth.

Danny Jansen homered twice for the Blue Jays, the first multihomer game of his career, and Freddy Galvis added a two-run shot. Even so, Toronto failed to win consecutive home series for the first time this season. □

The best ever? Jones, Nunes could make cases at UFC 239

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Any attempt to choose the most dominant active fighter in mixed martial arts inevitably leads to a choice between two champions: Jon Jones or Amanda Nunes. Any discussion of the greatest fighters in MMA history must include Jones and Nunes as well. They simply have been too good for too long — and beaten too many fellow giants of the sport — to be left out.

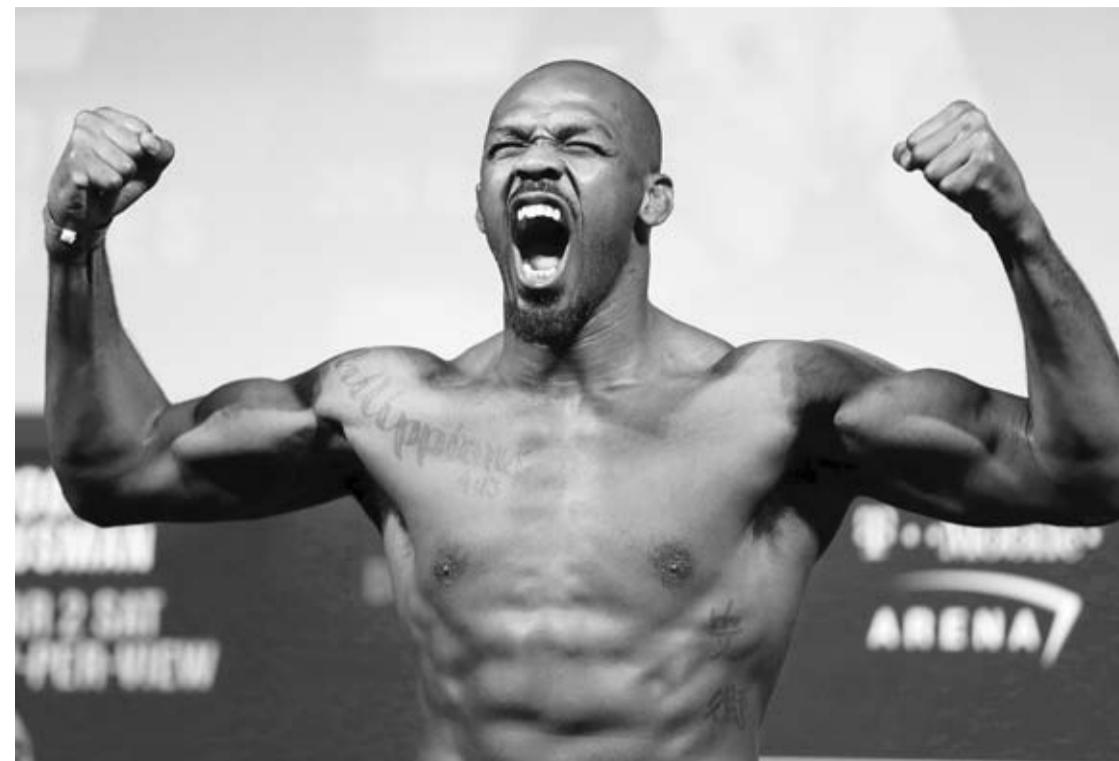
When they fight on the same card Saturday night in Las Vegas, the joint showcase provides an opportunity for fans to see greatness at its possible peak. UFC 239 is also another chance to see whether Jones or Nunes will finally fall from the perches they have occupied for so long atop MMA.

"It only takes one fight, one punch, one slip to change a lot of things," Jones said this week.

Right before Jones (24-1, 1 no-contest) defends his light heavyweight title against Brazil's Thiago Santos (21-6) in the main event at T-Mobile Arena, Nunes (17-4) faces former champion Holly Holm (12-4) in the fourth defense of her bantamweight belt.

While Jones and Nunes are both favored to win, their matchups come with significant worries. Both challengers overcame major obstacles simply to reach this stage, and they're unlikely to be daunted by the aura of the greats standing across from them.

"He has a lot of great accomplishments, but he's just a man like me," Santos



In this March 1, 2019, file photo, Jon Jones poses during the ceremonial UFC 235 mixed martial arts weigh-in event in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

said. "I know what we need to do to beat him."

Santos was a middleweight less than a year ago, but he moved up to light heavyweight last September and promptly knocked out three straight opponents to earn this title shot. His 8½-inch reach disadvantage against Jones could be his biggest obstacle, because Jones knows how to use his oversized frame to full advantage against any opponent.

Santos is an extremely muscular light heavyweight, and he likely has more raw punching power than anyone Jones has faced recently. The champ is appropriately wary of the prospect of an early knockout.

There also is the small possibility of fatigue becom-

ing a factor. Jones, who turns 32 later this month, is in his third fight in just over six months. He is still making up for the lost time and income of his late 20s, when he managed to be eligible for just four fights in a five-year span amid numerous failed doping tests and outside-the-cage misbehavior. "It's a really good story, I know," Jones said. "It has its drama, and I'm hoping it has a happy ending."

Nunes is fighting for the first time since she became a two-division champion with her stunning 51-second knockout of Cris "Cyborg" Justino. Although Holm has lost four of her last six fights, she got this title shot on the strength of her talent and the fame that still lingers from her shocking upset of Ronda Rousey nearly four

years ago.

Holm was a professional boxer for years, but Nunes is a formidable puncher who easily dispatched the aggressive Cyborg. Holm isn't likely to wade into an immediate brawl, as Cyborg did, and her kickboxing acumen is likely to force Nunes to be more patient. But Nunes has shown the discipline and mental toughness to stick to a game plan, and Holm will be forced to be resourceful.

"I'm ready for anything she can bring to me," Nunes said. "We've studied her, but more important, I know what I need to do. I've been here before."

The two title fights are just the main attractions on a star-studded card for the UFC's annual International

Fight Week pay-per-view show. Here are more things to know about UFC 239:

SHUT HIM UP: The biggest personal grudge on the card is between unbeaten welterweight Ben Askren and veteran challenger Jorge Masvidal. They have exchanged insults throughout the promotion of a fight that's likely to lead to a title shot for the winner. "In all my fights, I've never had this many people come up to me and beg me to end a guy," Masvidal said. "I had somebody ask me to turn his face into a sinkhole, to leave one side of his face no longer looking like the other side."

RETURN OF THE ROCK: Former middleweight champ Luke Rockhold makes his light heavyweight debut in his return from a 17-month absence against Poland's Jan Blachowicz. Rockhold believes he can easily beat almost anyone at 205 pounds, but Blachowicz is a powerful puncher.

GO DIEGO GO: UFC veteran Diego Sanchez has been in rare form before his showdown with Michael Chiesa, cutting wrestling-style promos and theatrically staring down his opponent at every opportunity. The brawl-loving Sanchez is rarely in a boring fight, but Chiesa has looked dangerous with his move to welterweight.

GILBACK: Gilbert Melendez hasn't won a fight since October 2013, but the loquacious 37-year-old veteran returns from a 22-month absence to fight Arnold Allen in the final preliminary bout on ESPN before the pay-per-view show begins. □



In this Jan. 29, 2014, file photo, Tedy Bruschi speaks during an interview at the NFL Super Bowl XLVIII media center in New York.

Associated Press

Ex-Patriot, ESPN analyst Bruschi recovering after 2nd stroke

ATTLEROBRO, Mass. (AP) — Former New England Patriots linebacker and ESPN analyst Tedy Bruschi is recovering in a Massachusetts hospital after suffering a second stroke.

His family says in a statement the 46-year-old suffered the stroke Thursday and immediately recognized the warning signs of

arm weakness, face drooping and speech difficulties. Bruschi was admitted to Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, where his family said Friday he was "recovering well."

Bruschi had a stroke in February 2005 just days after the Patriots won the Super Bowl and learned he had a congenital heart defect

that produced a hole in his heart. He had surgery to repair the hole and retired. But he sat out less than a year before returning for the seventh game of the 2005 season.

He played three more seasons with the Patriots and announced his retirement just before the start of the 2009 season. □



LA Galaxy forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic, right, scores on Toronto FC goalkeeper Quentin Westberg during the second half of an MLS soccer match in Carson, Calif., Thursday, July 4, 2019. The Galaxy won 2-0.

Associated Press

Revolution overcome weather delays, Revolution in 2-1 win

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (AP) — Teal Bunbury scored his 50th MLS goal and the New England Revolution beat the Colorado Rapids 2-1 in a match that included three weather delays Thursday night.

The game was delayed for an hour before kickoff due to lightning in the area and had two more lightning delays lasting a total of more than two hours during the first half. The match ended 15 minutes after midnight, more than five hours after it was scheduled to start.

Bunbury opened the scoring in the eighth minute, chest trapping Edgar Castillo's cross and tucking a right-footed shot into the far corner. Juan Fernando Caicedo headed home Carles Gil's free kick to give the Revs (6-8-5) a 2-0 lead in the 52nd minute.

Diego Rubio pulled Colorado back within one in the 71st minute. The Revolution's Matt Turner made a diving save in the 89th minute to preserve the win and New England improved to 4-0-3 in its last seven games. The Rapids (5-10-4) had their seven-game unbeaten streak snapped.

LA GALAXY 2, TORONTO FC 0

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice, Efrain Alvarez had an assist in his first MLS start and the LA Galaxy beat Toronto FC. The 17-year-old

Alvarez curled in a wide cross that looped over the Toronto FC defense. Ibrahimovic headed it while jumping backward, finishing into the right side of the goal in the 75th minute.

Ibrahimovic made it 2-0 for the Galaxy (11-7-1) with his 13th goal of the season in the 89th minute. He settled Emil Cuello's cross and tapped it past Toronto FC goalkeeper Quentin Westberg. It was Cuello's first professional assist. Toronto FC (6-8-5) had its best chance in the 52nd minute when Alejandro Pozuelo's shot was tipped over the bar by Galaxy goalkeeper David Bingham.

FC DALLAS 2, D.C. UNITED 0 **FRISCO, Texas (AP)** — Santiago Mosquera and Dominique Badji scored and FC Dallas beat 10-man D.C. United. Mosquera opened the scoring in the sixth minute with his first goal of the season. Badji scored from close range off the rebound of Mosquera's saved attempt to make it 2-0 for FC Dallas (8-7-5) in the 65th minute.

Wayne Rooney was shown red for an airborne challenge from behind, but referee Nima Saghafi changed it to yellow in the 33rd minute after video review. D.C. United (8-5-7) went down a man in the 73rd when Luciano Acosta stepped on Paxton Pomykal. □



Britain's Geraint Thomas, left, and Colombia's Egan Bernal Gomez pose during the Tour de France cycling race team presentation at the Grand Place in Brussels, Thursday, July 4, 2019, ahead of upcoming Saturday's start of the race.

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— Primoz Roglic, a fourth-place finisher last year.

— Former world champion Philippe Gilbert.

— Ace sprinters Mark Cavendish, Marcel Kittel and Fernando Gaviria.

The generational change is likely to be the most visible in the fight for the race leader's yellow jersey, as 22-year-old Egan Bernal seems ready to take over from his leader at team Ineos, defending champion Geraint Thomas.

In the wake of an already successful season during which he won the Paris-Nice and Tour de Suisse weeklong races, Bernal has been elevated to a co-leader status after Froome, who also rides for Ineos, was ruled out because of a horrific crash last month. Despite his lack of experience — he will start his second Grand Tour — Bernal is showing an impressive maturity.

"I think you have a physical age and a mental age, but when you're ready, you're ready," Ineos team boss Dave Brailsford said on Friday. "He's ready."

Many former Tour winners including Eddy Merckx and Alberto Contador have picked Bernal as their favorite to win a race that features several grueling mountainous stages this year. They expect the di-

minutive Colombian climber to grab the spotlight when the Tour reaches the high-altitude summits in the last 10 days of racing.

Before that, there will be many opportunities for the 33 riders making their first Tour appearance to show off their skills and challenge the supremacy of their elders — starting Saturday. "We will see riders who dare to attack, who try their luck, riders who race in an old-fashioned way," Tour director Christian Prudhomme said.

The opening stage features two short climbs usually taken during the one-day classic Ronde van Vlaanderen and a stretch of cobblestones and also passes through Merckx's childhood home. The day's main difficulties come too early to have a real impact on the final result, though, and the stage is likely to end in a bunch sprint that could award the first yellow jersey to a Tour debutant.

"It is a stage that I can win and I know the team and I really want to win the first stage," said Ewan, Australia's new sprint sensation.

The 24-year-old Ewan, who rides for Belgian outfit Lotto-Soudal, is among an exciting group of competitors that will try to derail three-time world champion Peter Sagan's ambition to claim a record seventh green

jersey, which is awarded to the best sprinter.

A colorful character with a spectacular style of racing, Sagan has been the fastest man in the Tour peloton in recent years. Since 2012, he has failed to win the green jersey just once, when he was disqualified following a crash with Cavendish two years ago. But Sagan has been struggling with form this season, boosting the hopes of younger rivals including Ewan, who already posted stage wins at the Giro and Spanish Vuelta.

"It's a massive motivation for me that it's in Brussels," Ewan said. "Obviously it's never going to start in Australia so the next best thing would be to start in the home country of your team, and it's pretty special my first stage is this one. If there was any stage I would pick to win this year, it would be this one, because it means the yellow jersey too."

Among others riders ready to surge to the fore, Van Aert is certainly the most promising. A three-time cyclo-cross world champion, the 24-year-old from Belgium is riding his first Grand Tour this summer after claiming two stage wins — a sprint and a time trial — at the prestigious Critérium du Dauphiné in June.

"Wout Van Aert is part of a terrific generation," Prudhomme said. □

Technology allows NBC to add new elements to Tour de France

By JOE REEDY

AP Sports Writer

Phil Liggett remembers the early days of Tour de France coverage in the United States, which would involve him traveling to Paris at the end of a stage, recording voiceovers all night and then rejoining the circuit for the next stage.

Those days, though, are ancient history. The Tour has been aired live in the U.S. since 2001 with Liggett providing play-by-play. The coverage has also evolved to include pre-race and nightly highlight shows.

The NBC Sports Group will air more than 350 hours of coverage across NBC, NBCSN and the NBC Sports Gold online streaming package. Despite the challenges of live coverage, Liggett said it is a lot easier compared to the weekend highlight shows that used to be the only way to view it. "There is nothing that beats doing it live," said Liggett, who will be covering his 47th Tour when it begins Saturday. "Sitting in the commentary box is like being in a 727. You can't wait to take off and see where things land at the end of a stage."

As technology has evolved, broadcasters have found it easier to add new elements. This year's Tour will include cameras on the bike of up to eight riders that can transmit live. They



In this July 29, 2018 file photo, Tour de France winner Britain's Geraint Thomas, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, passes the Arc de Triomphe during the twenty-first stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 116 kilometers (72.1 miles) with start in Houilles and finish on Champs-Elysees avenue in Paris, France.

Associated Press

have been tested the past four years, but would only show footage at the completion of a stage.

Cameras can be mounted under the rider's saddle and on the front under the handlebar. The cameras could provide additional insight into late-race moves or crashes. Steve Porino will also have a camera focused on him as he reports

during each stage while traveling aboard a motorcycle on the course.

Commentator Christian Vande Velde will ride several key stages in advance, wearing special raptor sunglasses to preview critical course points. The sunglasses will also show Vande Velde's speed, how much energy he is using and the rate of pedaling. The sun-

glasses utilize the same technology U.S. fighter pilots have in the visors of their helmets for telemetry. NBC will also use a virtual graphics Telestrator, which will produce augmented reality graphics that will allow commentators to move around and analyze cyclists. Depending on its use, it is the type of technology that could be extended to

coverage of other sports. Joel Felicio, who is the coordinating producer for NBC, said planning for the Tour begins in October. Most of the video that Felicio uses comes from France TV Sport, which provides the main feed, but his challenge each year is figuring out how to introduce new elements to the broadcast. Felicio also has a challenge that few others have, which is producing live broadcasts from 21 different locations. "There's trying to figure out commercials, when to go to commentary and using different elements but not missing the key move. There's also trying to keep everyone interested for six hours," he said. This will be the first Tour since 1985 that Liggett has not done with Paul Sherwen by his side. Sherwen died Dec. 2 at age 62 due to heart failure. Bob Roll moves into the commentary box along with Jens Voigt, who competed in the Tour from 1998 through 2014.

Chris Horner, who competed in the Tour seven times, will also debut as an analyst. Horner is the most recent American Grand Tour champion after capturing the Tour of Spain in 2013.

"I think this is the most open race in years," Liggett said. "There are a lot of young riders that have the potential of this being one of the best Tours in recent memory." □

Facebook enlists plain English to clarify how it makes money

BY RACHEL LERMAN

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Facebook is updating its terms and services guidelines to clarify how it makes money from the personal information of its users.

The changes reflect its ongoing attempts to satisfy regulators in the U.S. and Europe, which have urged the company to make sure users know what they are signing up for.

The guideline changes, announced Thursday, are largely cosmetic. The updates don't change Facebook's underlying policies.

Facebook has come under fire with regulators in Europe, and increasingly in the U.S., for how it handles personal information collected on its site — and how transparent it is with users.

The company said it made the updates after working with a European consumer protection group and regulators around the world.

The European Commission noted Facebook's agreement to make the changes in April, saying the commission requested changes "to clearly inform consumers how the social network

gets financed."

This is how Facebook's new guidelines tackle that challenge: "Instead of paying to use Facebook and the other products and services we offer, by using the Facebook Products covered by these Terms, you agree that we can show you ads that businesses and organizations pay us to promote on and off the Facebook Company Products."

The terms and services spell out that even if users delete material from the site, it might still exist on Facebook's servers for 90 days.

It also makes clear that violating the company's policies could get posts removed from the site and explains that users still own the material they post online, although Facebook may use it.

But at nearly 10 pages long in PDF form, Facebook is still facing the most common problem with lengthy terms and services — people rarely read them.

Facebook will issue a blog post on the changes, which go into effect July 31, but won't require users to agree again to the updated terms.

It also won't promote the updates on people's Facebook feeds. The company said it decided not to make people re-sign the agreement because the changes merely clarify existing policy and don't change it.

Facebook, along with other big internet companies, have been increasingly scrutinized in the past year about how well they protect people's data and how they profit from it. The company is under investigation from the Federal Trade Commission over its privacy practices. □

US adds solid 224,000 jobs; Fed rate cut may be less certain

By JOSH BOAK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers sharply stepped up their hiring in June, adding a robust 224,000 jobs, an indication of the economy's durability after more than a decade of expansion.

The strength of the jobs report the government issued Friday could complicate a decision for the Federal Reserve late this month on whether to cut interest rates to help support the economy. Most investors have anticipated a rate cut in July and perhaps one or two additional Fed cuts later in the year. That scenario may be less likely now.

Stocks sold off Friday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average down roughly 150 points in late-morning trading, reflecting a view that the Fed might engage in fewer rate hikes. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note climbed to 2.06% from just under 2%.

June's solid job growth followed a tepid gain of 72,000 jobs in May, a result that had fueled concerns about the economy's health. But with June's pace of hiring, employers have now added, on average, a solid 171,000 jobs for the past three months. Last month's burst of hiring suggests that many employers have shrugged off concerns about weaker growth. President Donald Trump's trade wars and the waning benefits from U.S.



In this Tuesday, June 4, 2019 photo, job applicants line up at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood during a job fair in Hollywood, Fla. On Friday, July 5, the U.S. government issues the June jobs report.

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tax cuts.

"Although there are drags on the economy in 2019, the expansion should continue through this year," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC Financial Services. "The doom and gloom was overblown." The unemployment rate ticked up to 3.7% in June from 3.6% for the previous two months, reflecting an influx of people seeking jobs who were initially counted as unemployed. Average hourly wages rose 3.1% from a year ago. Trump responded to Friday's jobs report by tweeting, "JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!" But the strong hiring gains have lessened the case, at

least for now, for the Fed to slash rates as Trump has repeatedly and aggressively pressed the central bank to do.

"If we had a Fed that would lower interest rates, we'd be like a rocket ship," the president asserted to reporters in an appearance Friday. "But we're paying a lot of interest, and it's unnecessary. But we don't have a Fed that knows what they're doing." Last year, Fed officials raised rates four times, in part to stave off the risk of high inflation and in part to try to ensure that they would have room to cut rates if the economy stumbled.

On Friday, the Fed reiterated that it would act as necessary to sustain the economic expansion, while noting that most Fed officials have lowered their expectations for the course of rates. The Fed's statement came in its semiannual report on monetary policy.

In Friday's jobs report for June, the hiring gains were broad. Construction companies added 21,000 workers after having increased their payrolls by only 5,000 in May. Manufacturers hired 17,000, up from just 3,000 in May. Health care and social assistance added 50,500 jobs. Hiring by transportation and warehousing companies increased

23,900.

The government sector was a major source of hiring, adding 33,000 jobs in June. Nearly all those gains were at the local level.

For Todd Leff, CEO of Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa, the resilience of the U.S. job market has provided both an opportunity and a challenge. With more Americans earning steady paychecks, demand for massages and facials has increased, and the company plans to add 60 locations this year and roughly 1,800 jobs. But the low unemployment rate has also made it hard to find and retain workers.

"We could hire 1,000 more employees today — if they were available," said Leff, whose company has about 430 locations and is based in Trevose, Pennsylvania.

Investors have been turning their attention to the Fed, which has expressed concern about threats to the economy, especially the uncertainties from Trump's trade wars, and about inflation remaining persistently below its 2% target level. A Fed rate cut, whenever it happens, would be its first in more than a decade.

Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist for the consultancy MFR, said the likelihood of a Fed rate cut late this month is now slightly lower, though he still estimates that the federal funds rate — what banks charge each other — will be sharply lower by the end of next year. □

Samsung predicts 56% drop in 2Q profit on weak chip market

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Samsung Electronics Co. said Friday its operating profit for the last quarter likely fell more than 56% from a year earlier amid a weak market for memory chips.

The South Korean tech giant estimated an operating profit of 6.5 trillion won (\$5.5 billion) for the April-June quarter, which would represent a 56.3% drop from the same period last year.

The company said its revenue likely fell 4% to 56 trillion won (\$48 billion), but did not provide a detailed account of its performance by business division. It will release a finalized earnings report later this month.

Analysts say falling prices of DRAM and NAND memory chips are eating into the earnings of the company, which saw its operating profit during the first quarter drop more than 60% from last year. U.S. sanctions on Chinese technology gi-

ant Huawei may have also contributed to Samsung's profit woes by reducing its chip shipments and pushing down chip prices further.

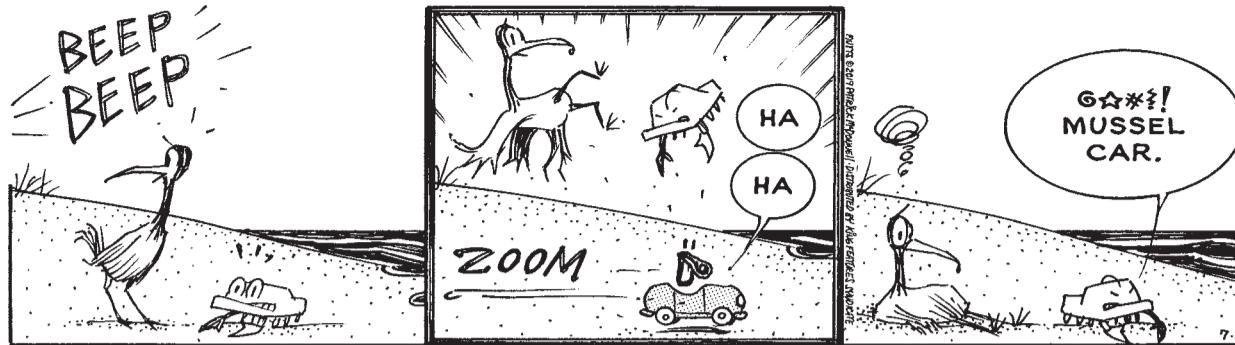
Samsung, which is the world's biggest maker of semiconductors and smartphones and a major producer of display screens, is also bracing for the impact of tightened Japanese controls on exports of high-tech materials used in semiconductors and displays. □



Visitors are silhouetted at Samsung Electronics shop in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, July 5, 2019.

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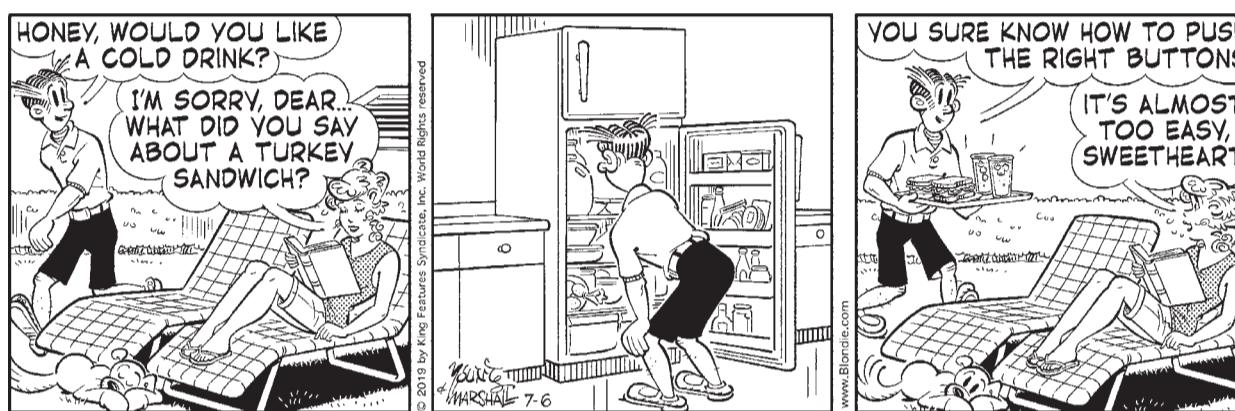
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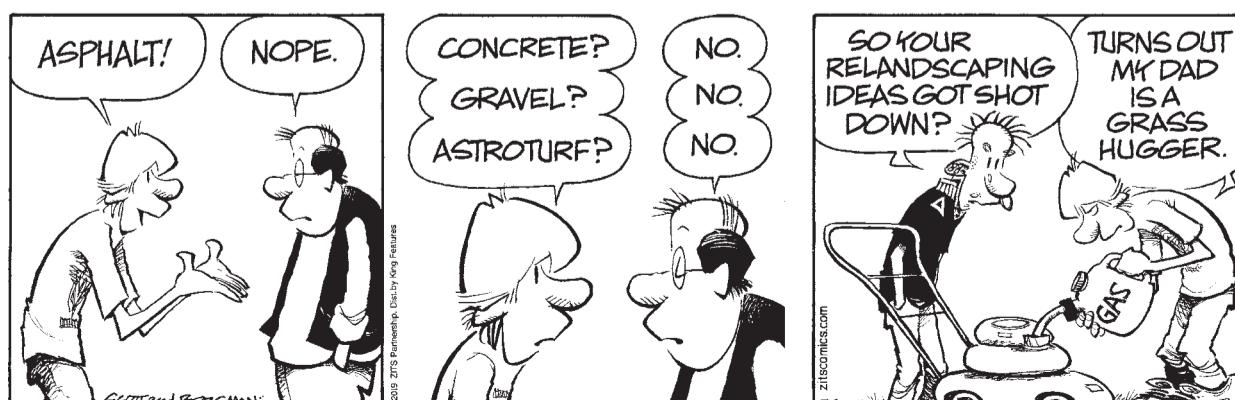
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Defenders of vegan bacon sue Mississippi over labeling law

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A federal lawsuit says Mississippi is violating free-speech rights by banning makers of plant-based foods from using terms such as "meatless meatballs" and "vegan bacon."

The lawsuit against Mississippi Republican Gov. Phil Bryant and the state's Republican agriculture commissioner, Andy Gipson, was filed Monday by the Plant Based Foods Association and the Illinois-based Upton's Naturals Co., which makes vegan products and sells them in many states, including Mississippi. It was filed the same day Mississippi enacted a new law that declares "a plant-based or insect-based food product shall not be labeled as meat or a meat food product."

"The ban serves only to create consumer confusion where none previously existed," says the lawsuit, which is backed by Institute for Justice, a free-market advocacy group based in Virginia.

A similar food labeling lawsuit was filed in Missouri last year by the Oregon-based Tofurky Co., which makes vegetarian food products, and the Good Food Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that advocates for alternatives to meat. A Missouri law made it a misdemeanor to label plant-based products as meat.

Producers of beef, poultry, pork and lamb have been pushing to protect meat terminology as companies develop more plant-based products that look and taste similar to meat.

The Good Food Institute says 12 states have enacted what it calls "meat label censorship" laws. In addition to Mississippi and Missouri, the states are Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The Louisiana measure signed by Democratic



A federal lawsuit says Mississippi is violating free-speech rights by banning makers of plant-based foods from using terms such as "meatless meatballs," "vegan bacon," "beefless burger" or "beefless tips," as displayed in a Jackson, Miss., home, Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

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Gov. John Bel Edwards prohibits veggie products from being called meat, non-rice products from being described as rice and sugar alternatives from being marketed as sugar. It becomes law in October 2020.

The chairman of the Mississippi Senate Agriculture Committee, Republican Billy Hudson of Hattiesburg, was chief sponsor of the meat labeling legislation. He said the state agriculture department and the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association pushed for it because of concerns that consumers could be misled. The Mississippi law also says food produced using animal tissue cultured in a laboratory may not be labeled as meat.

"They tell me that fake steak looks just like our real meat," Hudson told The Associated Press on Monday. He said if a consumer sees two similar products side by side, they could think they're getting meat when they're not.

"I don't want to eat meat grown by a test tube in a laboratory," Hudson said. "If my constituents do, they ought to know what they're getting."

Mississippi's agriculture commissioner said Tuesday that he looks forward to defending the law.

"A food product made of insect-protein should not be deceptively labeled as beef," Gipson said. "Someone looking to purchase tofu should not be tricked into buying lab-grown animal protein." □

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Best way to fight climate change? Plant a trillion trees

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most effective way to fight global warming is to plant lots of trees, a study says. A trillion of them, maybe more.

And there's enough room, Swiss scientists say. Even with existing cities and farmland, there's enough space for new trees to cover 3.5 million square miles (9 million square kilometers), they reported in Thursday's journal *Science*. That area is roughly the size of the United States.

The study calculated that over the decades, those new trees could suck up nearly 830 billion tons (750 billion metric tons) of heat-trapping carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. That's about as much carbon pollution as humans have spewed in the past 25 years.

Much of that benefit will come quickly because trees remove more carbon from the air when they are younger, the study authors said. The potential for removing the most carbon is in the tropics.

"This is by far — by thousands of times — the cheapest climate change



In this Dec. 4, 2018 file photo, people walk in Tree Library park in Milan, Italy. The city has ambitious plans to plant 3 million new trees by 2030 — a move that experts say could offer relief to the city's muggy and sometimes tropical weather.

Associated Press

solution" and the most effective, said study co-author Thomas Crowther, a climate change ecologist at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Six nations with the most room for new trees are Russia, the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil and China.

Before his research,

Crowther figured that there were other more effective ways to fight climate change besides cutting emissions, such as people switching from meat-eating to vegetarianism. But, he said, tree planting is far more effective because trees take so much carbon dioxide out of the air.

Thomas Lovejoy, a George

Mason University conservation biologist who wasn't part of the study, called it "a good news story" because planting trees would also help stem the loss of biodiversity.

Planting trees is not a substitute for weaning the world off burning oil, coal and gas, the chief cause of global warming, Crowther

emphasized.

"None of this works without emissions cuts," he said.

Nor is it easy or realistic to think the world will suddenly go on a tree-planting binge, although many groups have started, Crowther said.

"It's certainly a monumental challenge, which is exactly the scale of the problem of climate change," he said.

As Earth warms, and especially as the tropics dry, tree cover is being lost, he noted.

The researchers used Google Earth to see what areas could support more trees, while leaving room for people and crops.

Lead author Jean-Francois Bastin estimated there's space for at least 1 trillion more trees, but it could be 1.5 trillion.

That's on top of the 3 trillion trees that now are on Earth, according to earlier Crowther research.

The study's calculations make sense, said Stanford University environmental scientist Chris Field, who wasn't part of the study.

"But the question of whether it is actually feasible to restore this much forest is much more difficult," Field said in an email. □



In this May 9, 2016 file photo, a marine biologist holds a young lobster on Friendship Long Island, Maine.

Associated Press

Baby lobster numbers spell trouble for shellfish population

By PATRICK WHITTLE
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Baby lobsters are continuing to appear in high numbers off some parts of Canada while tailing off in New England, raising questions about what the valuable shellfish's population will look like in several years. University of Maine scientist Rick Wahle has documented trends in baby lobster density for years, and released new data for 2018 this month. The new data reinforce recent trends about lobsters that show upticks off sites in Atlantic Canada, such as some areas in Nova Scotia, Wahle said. Meanwhile, the Gulf of Maine reported below average numbers from Bar

Harbor to Cape Cod, he said.

Young lobsters settle into the ocean bottom, where they take shelter as they grow. Wahle tracks where lobsters are settling in 23 areas from Rhode Island to Prince Edward Island, Canada.

This year's data showed high totals in Canadian locations such as St. Mary's Bay, Nova Scotia, and the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence, but low numbers in Maine fishing areas such as the Midcoast region and Casco Bay.

American fishermen compete with Canada for the same species of lobster, which anchors one of the most lucrative fisheries in either country. Some sci-

tists have said the shellfish appear to be moving north as waters warm.

"It's as if this wave that has crested in Maine is now increasing in Atlantic Canada," Wahle said.

New England's commercial harvest of lobster has been strong in recent years, but it's dependent on young lobsters growing to maturity. Some New England sites, such as those off Rhode Island, show few baby lobsters at all. America's lobster industry is based mostly in Maine, and its haul of the crustaceans has been high all decade. The state's catch peaked at an all-time high of 132.6 million in 2016 before falling to 111.9 million — still a historically high number — in 2017. □

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Sewing for sport: Handmade workout clothes make strides

By JENNIFER FORKER

Associated Press

If necessity is the mother of invention, then pending motherhood may have given Sarah Vander Neut a creative boost.

The Aurora, Colorado, seamstress was pregnant with her first daughter eight years ago and running in her husband's heavy hoodie when she decided to sew a jacket to fit her growing form.

"I was running every day until I had her, and it was winter," said Vander Neut, now the mother of two little girls. "A husband's hoodie does not make you feel fast. This jacket solved my running problems."

Already selling handmade skirts and dresses at Denver-area craft markets, Vander Neut began sewing athletic jackets in spectacular color combinations. The handmade sportswear features extra-long arms for covering hands or cuffing back, a large hole at one wrist for checking the giant sports watch, deep pockets for holding gear, and reflective accents for nighttime runs. Her jackets are made from double-knit polyester — fabric designed to last. "The light just kinda went on for me," said Vander Neut, who has an art degree and studied fashion design. "Colorado is not New York, is not L.A. This is our fash-



This photo provided by Ruby Amsen shows Amsen modeling the 1970s-influenced skater pants she hand makes in her Amsterdam, Netherlands, home.

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ion statement. A jacket is something a woman is going to need for layering." She's made 730 jackets since launching Vander Jacket in 2011, selling the hoodies online and at craft markets. She has no plans to let up on the five-hours-per-jacket effort.

"If I was pouring all the time in and it stopped growing . . . then yeah, I would fall out of love pretty fast," Vander Neut said. "I'd be taking time away from my little kids and husband. It works when my little busi-

ness is helping them, helping my little girls go to ballet or helping my family buy a car."

Vander Neut is not alone. Other makers pour their passion for a sport into handmade goods.

For Ruby Amsen, in the Netherlands, inspiration was twofold: She loves roller skating and the 1970s. She sews roller-skating pants and shorts in outrageous, '70s-style fabrics.

"Flare pants and Farrah Fawcett, the windy blown hair. It's mesmerizing," said

Amsen, of Amsterdam.

A few years ago she learned how to dance on skates, and was hooked. She started sewing pants to accentuate her hip-hop and jazzy moves, piquing other skaters' interest.

"The '70s-style clothing really accentuates your moves," she said.

Part-time work grew into a fulltime business for Amsen, who sells her skater wear on Etsy.com. The designer keeps her home minimally appointed so she can skate indoors, including while she

works.

"It's like a kind of meditation for me. It keeps my mind still," Amsen said. "Some people puzzle or go running, I start with drawing and then creating, then skating. That's one synergy going on there."

Althea Rizzo of Salem, Oregon, sews rock-climbing chalk bags from second-hand stuffed animals. Her VertGear online site features chalk bags made from a pink elephant, green frog and purple zebra, among other critters.

The chalk bags appeal to a certain level of rock climber.

"The people who wear mine are not the super intense, professional athletes," Rizzo said. "These are people who enjoy a little bit of fun and lightheartedness."

She began sewing sportswear and gear for her outdoorsy daughter. Her Etsy shop includes tank tops and shorts, made from fabric she designs.

Rizzo recently streamlined her sewing process to save time. She only sews at night and on weekends; by day, she is the earthquake, tsunami and volcano program coordinator for the state of Oregon.

The sewing work helps Rizzo avoid boredom and pay her bills. "I like to stay busy and I like to make money," she said. □

Kane Brown dedicates song 'Homesick' to military families

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Kane Brown says his new single "Homesick" may have been written about his experience traveling on the road and being away from his loved ones, but military families have connected to the song.

Brown's song is dedicated to military families, and the music video features returning service members surprising their families.

"I feel like the normal person can't relate to the 'Homesick' song because they're gone you know 9 to 5 and they come home," Brown

said.

The song from his 2018 album "Experiment" is a pop country acoustic ballad. Brown wrote it about having to leave home every week to play shows around the country, he said.

"I was trying to find somebody else that could relate to just being away from home all the time," Brown said. "We had a bunch of fans send their homecoming videos in and made an awesome music video, very tear-jerker music video."

He said he's currently shooting a second music video for the song that will also focus on the military but be more like a short film.



In this Nov. 7, 2018 file photo, country singer Kane Brown poses for a portrait in New York.

Associated Press

"I thought there's not many songs going out these days about the military like there

used to be," Brown said. "I felt like this would really hit home for them. Just kind

of like memories of, you know, anybody dancing in a kitchen, singing favorite songs with each other."

This is the third single from the "Experiment" album, following the No. 1 country airplay hits "Lose It" and "Good As You."

Brown, who started his career on social media posting cover songs online, said that he has seen a lot of positive responses from military families about the song.

"And like when I see somebody that's in the military at all, if they message me on social media, it's something that I always got to reply back," Brown said. □

In 'Marianne & Leonard,' a love immortalized in song

Associated Press

It's not exactly a hit parade, the songs that have been turned into movies. There was the shambling reconstruction of Arlo Guthrie's "Alice's Restaurant," the fizzy pop of "Earth Girls Are Easy," the Sandra Bullock rom-com "Love Potion No. 9." But digging into a Leonard Cohen song, as the documentary "Marianne & Leonard: Words of Love" does, holds more

promise. Cohen's songs can hold eternities in them. And the story behind Cohen's classic ballad "So Long, Marianne" is indeed one that spans many years, from the masterful Montreal singer-songwriter's beginnings to his death in 2016. In the early '60s, Cohen was living far from his native Canada in a sun-kissed bohemia paradise on the Greek island of Hydra, taking acid, writing feverishly



This image released by Roadside Attractions shows Leonard Cohen and Marianne Ihlen in a scene from the documentary "Marianne & Leonard: Words of Love."

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and falling in love with a young, blonde, warm-spirited Norwegian woman named Marianne Ihlen, who had a son from her first marriage to the writer Axel Jensen. Their blissful romance came before fame found Cohen. When he turned from novel writing to music and eventually — coaxed

by Judy Collins — singing his own songs, Cohen was catapulted far from Hydra, signed to Columbia Records and hailed as a baritone-voiced sage. Among his first songs was an ode to Ihlen, "So Long, Marianne." It wasn't initially intended as an epitaph to his relationship with Ihlen but came to be one.

They continued together off-and-on for years, but gradually grew apart. Cohen, whose fifth studio album was titled "Death of a Ladies Man," moved on to other places and other women. (Janis Joplin was among them.) Yet Cohen's romance with Ihlen became mythic, a legend Cohen burnished, himself. □

Marvel's first openly trans actor calls for more portrayals



This June 26, 2019 photo released by Sony Pictures shows, from left, Angourie Rice, Zach Barack and Remy Hii at the world premiere of "Spider-Man: Far From Home" at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

By AMANDA LEE MYERS
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The first openly transgender actor in the Marvel Universe says there needs to be

more representation of his experience.

Zach Barack plays a classmate of Peter Parker's in "Spider-Man: Far From

Home." His gender identity is not addressed in the brief role.

Barack said that to him, superhero movies "always felt like a trans story because it's talking about identity."

"It's about separating what people know about you and what they don't," Barack said at last week's premiere of the film. "And I think that's something I kind of live with every day. And on top of that, I don't see a lot of trans-masculine people on television or trans men specifically, and getting to be part of that is beyond unreal."

The 23-year-old Chicago-area native, who also appeared in the TV series "L.A.'s Finest," said there needs to be more roles for trans people in all sorts of movies. □

Novel dissects divorce with sharp, funny scalpel

By BROOKE LEFFERTS

Associated Press

"Fleishman Is in Trouble" (Random House), by Taffy Brodesser-Akner

There was once a time when becoming a doctor or marrying one was an ideal measure of success. But "Fleishman Is in Trouble," the new novel by Taffy Brodesser-Akner, rejects that antiquated notion and several other tired societal tropes, shining a light on how we view work, relationships and material things.

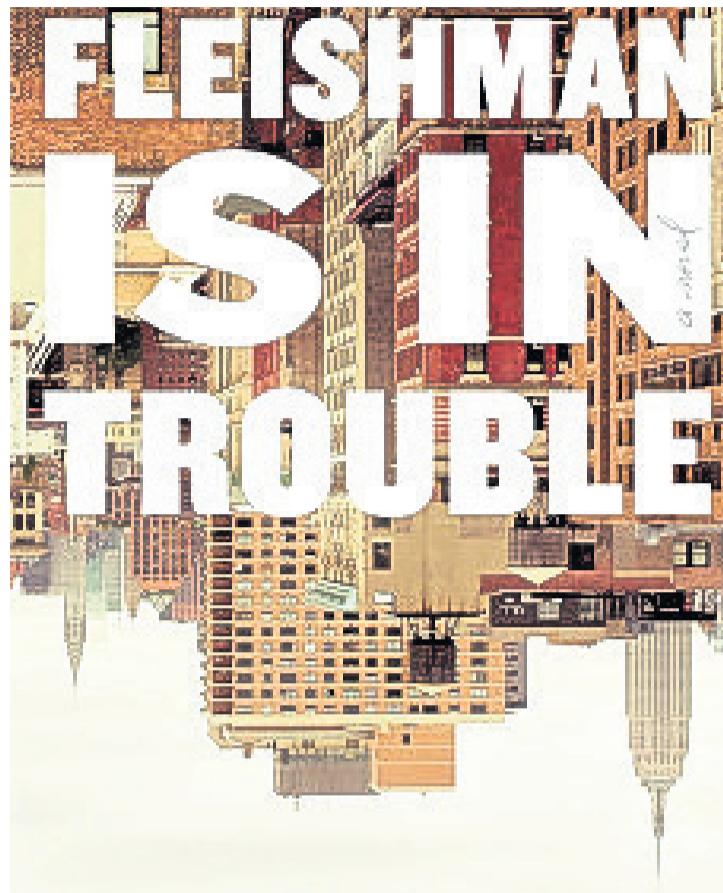
Toby Fleishman, a Manhattan doctor and father of two, is in the middle of a painful divorce and finds the best medicine is swiping right on Tinder to ease his pain. The plot takes place over just a few weeks, but the story of how his 14-year marriage to Rachel devolved into an angry, bitter mess comes in flashbacks of how the couple met, fell in love and built a life together.

An old friend of Toby's

serves as the narrator and judge, coloring the story with her own insecurities and marital itchiness. The first part of the book reveals Toby's side of things, and while he paints himself as a martyr who took a back seat in his career as a liver specialist to play Mr. Mom, it's clear his self-pity, fear of failure and disappointment in the way his life has turned out contributed to the disintegration of the family.

In Toby's version, Rachel is the easy villain — obsessed with money and status — who rose from assistant to superagent to the stars, working long hours, networking for social and professional gain, and becoming the breadwinner while growing increasingly powerful and financially successful.

The seeds of resentment are sown as Toby feels increasingly inadequate and Rachel's busy schedule and pressure to keep up with the elite banker crowd pushes her to the point of



TAFFY BRODESSER-AKNER

This cover image released by Random House shows "Fleishman Is in Trouble," by Taffy Brodesser-Akner.

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a breakdown. Rachel gets her say in the last part of the book, and we see where she got her drive, how specific life events devastated her and made her feel like no one — including Toby — had her back.

Brodesser-Akner is a journalist best known for her in-depth celebrity interviews, including a New York Times magazine cover story on Gwyneth Paltrow and Goop that got attention for its incisive reporting and humor.

The author's sharp wit and descriptions of a certain urban privileged life are dead-on and often hilarious. The novel feels fresh and modern with a satirical edge, but enough truth to sting even the schmoopiest of married couples.

Toby Fleishman isn't the only one in trouble. Infusing candor, humor and social commentary, this book holds up a mirror to all of us, demanding that we take a hard look at how we live and how we love. □

Even poop is cute at Japanese museum that encourages play

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)

— Japan's culture of cute makes no exceptions for poop. It gets a pop twist at the Unko Museum in Yokohama near Tokyo.

Here, the poop is artificial, nothing like what would be in a toilet, and comes in twisty ice cream and cupcake shapes, in all colors and sizes.

"The poops are colorful and come out nicely in photos," said Haruka Okubo, a student visiting part of the museum devoted to all-important selfies. "The shape is so round and cute."

In Japan, little poop-shaped erasers with faces and other small items have long been popular items collected by children, and sometimes older folks.

As elsewhere, scatological jokes are popular and bodily functions discussed openly: a recent morning variety show by public broadcaster NHK featured tips on how to deal with farts.

Visitors to the museum get



In this Tuesday, June 18, 2019, photo, two boys jokingly take cover as small toy poops gush from a giant poop-shaped inflatable at the Unko Museum in Yokohama, south of Tokyo.

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a short video introduction and then are asked to sit on one of seven colorful, non-functional toilets lined up against the wall.

Music plays as a user pretends to poop, then a

brightly colored souvenir "poop" can be collected from inside the toilet bowl, to be taken home after the tour.

A ceiling-high poop sculpture in the main hall erupts

every 30 minutes, spitting out little foam poops. The "Unstagenic" area of Instagram-worthy installations includes pastel-hued flying poops and a neon sign with the word "poop"

written in different languages.

In another room, players use a projection-mapping game like "whack-a-mole" to stamp on and squash the most poops they can. In another game, participants compete to make the biggest "poop" by shouting the word in Japanese, "unko," as loudly as possible.

A soccer video game involves using a controller to "kick" a poop into a goal. Toshifumi Okuya, a system engineer, was amused to see adults having fun. "It's funny because there are adults running around screaming 'poop, poop,'" he said.

At the end of the tour, visitors get a bag to carry home their souvenir poop. If they want still more, the museum's gift shop abounds with more poop-themed souvenirs. The museum attracted more than 100,000 visitors in the first month after its opening in March. It will remain open until September. □

Biosphere 2 legacy lives on more than quarter century later

By ANITA SNOW

Associated Press

ORACLE, Ariz. (AP) — They lived for two years and 20 minutes under the glass of a miniature Earth, complete with an ocean, rain forest, desert, grasslands and mangroves. Their air and water were recycled, and they grew the sweet potatoes, rice and other food they needed to survive.

About 1,500 people were invited and some 200 journalists were on hand as the eight original inhabitants of Biosphere 2 left their glass terrarium a quarter-century ago last month in two groups that no longer talked to each other amid the stress of sharing a small space and disputes over how the project should be run. Detractors called the \$150 million experiment a failure because additional oxygen was pumped into what was supposed to be a self-sustaining system. A power struggle in subsequent months led Texas billionaire backer Edward P. Bass to hire investment banker Stephen Bannon, who was later President Trump's chief strategist, to bring the project back from financial disarray.

Today, Biosphere 2 is a different kind of place, a University of Arizona site where researchers from around the world can study everything from the effects of the ocean's acidification on coral to ways of ensuring food security.

"It started out as a great, big kind of societal experiment and was transformed by pure ingenuity into something else that has proved useful," said Jeffrey S. Dukes, director of the Perdue Climate Change Research Center. "It's also a really cool facility to tour."

Joaquin Ruiz, a geologist who directs the project in the Sonoran Desert about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northeast of Tucson, said Biosphere 2's controlled environments allow researchers to conduct experiments they won't try outside "because you don't want to have unintended circumstances."



In this July 31, 2015 photo, a tourist walks to the main entrance of the Biosphere 2 facility while on a walking tour in Oracle, Ariz.

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That means researchers from the Global Institute for Water Security at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada don't have to worry about harming the environment while studying how plants in the tiny rainforest adjust their water consumption.

The miniature ocean is being renovated so researchers from places including the University of Hawaii can continue experiments on a miniature reef without hurting reefs in the Pacific. A \$550,000 grant from Johns

Hopkins University is helping scientists test theories about water movement on three artificial hillslopes known as the Landscape Evolution Observatory, a gigantic Earth science laboratory.

The university assumed management of Biosphere 2 in mid-2007 and in June 2011 announced full acquisition of the glass-enclosed area of just over 3 acres (1 hectare) that reaches as tall as 75 feet (23 meters) in some places, and the buildings and grounds

around it.

Like Dukes, independent ecologist Christopher Field, director of the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, said Biosphere 2 has proved useful for science in its current iteration. "You have to separate it from what it was originally to see its worth today," said Field, adding that controlled environment facilities like Biosphere 2 "are a powerful way to help us understand the way the world works."

"It is an important piece



In this Friday, July 31, 2015, photo, tourists walk through the enclosed coastal fog desert ecosystem of the Biosphere 2 in Oracle, Ariz.

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in our portfolio for understanding climate change," he said.

Biologist John Adams, Biosphere 2's deputy director, has been with the project since 1995, when he was a new University of Arizona graduate. "It's always been an audacious, ambitious project," he said.

Adams said 55 people now work at the site, including 30 researchers. Bass donated \$30 million to Biosphere 2 last year and sits on its advisory board.

"They have been doing a really great job, laying some strong foundations for their science," Jane Poynter, one of the eight original Biosphere 2 inhabitants, said of the current research. "Twenty-five years after we came out it's still very forward-looking."

Poynter said that since she and the other "Biospherians" emerged from the greenhouse, much of the original animosity has faded away.

The initial project was the brainchild of systems ecologist John Allen, and Bass was financial backer when the first group of four women and four men entered Biosphere 2 on Sept. 26, 1991. Now almost 90, Allen lives quietly in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A mission by a second group was terminated early after Bass ousted Allen and other top managers in April 1994 and temporarily made Bannon acting director during a management dispute. Bannon led the project for about two years, and Columbia University then took over, changing the once virtually airtight structure to a "flow-through" system and manipulating carbon dioxide levels to study global warming.

Poynter and Taber MacCallum later married and settled in Tucson, where they operate World View Enterprises, a company that is pioneering flight to the edge of space with high-altitude balloons. They met during training for Biosphere 2, and their romance flourished after entering the enclosure. □